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FA CUP FINAL

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WEST HAM (1) 1 (Brooking 13)

Att: 100,000 (At Wembley)

Receipts: £700,000

Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 7, Devine 6 (sub.

Nelson 6), Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Young 7,

★BRADY 8, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 6, Price 7, Rix 7.

West Ham: Parkes 8, Stewart 8, Lampard 8, Bonds 9, Martin 9, Devonshire 7, Allen 8,

Pearson 8, Cross 6, ★BROOKING 10, Pike 7.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)

Match Rating: ★★★

All the latest
details inside



THE FA Cup overflows with joy as jubilant Hammers Geoff Pike (left) and Paul Allen carry the trophy on a lap of honour. Running behind are Alvin Martin and Phil Parkes. More great pictures inside.

Battle for national pride

7-page preview to the
Home Internationals

Ron's got it all right for Rome

ENGLAND manager Ron Greenwood has shown once again that he's not content to stand still in his bid to produce a squad capable of winning next month's European Championship in Italy and, ultimately the World Cup in Spain in two years' time.

His selection of Alan Devonshire, Alan Sunderland and Paul Mariner for the squad

for the Argentina game and the Home Internationals is to be applauded.

The new faces, following quickly on the heels of the call-up of Glenn Hoddle and Kevin Reeves, demonstrates quite clearly that Greenwood is planning light years ahead in his efforts to put England back on top of the world.

Not that Ron has gone overboard in his selection. The fact that he has retained experienced players like Emlyn Hughes and Trevor Cherry may not be popular in some quarters, but by staying loyal to the players who have proved their capabilities for England in the past, he has achieved that crucial blend of youth and experience which is as important off the field as on.

It is a squad with character and potential — and ability to spare to win the Home Internationals. And that includes defeat of Scotland on their own soil next Saturday!

The Home Internationals will of course again produce their own fervent brand of competitive football, but for England at least they take on an added significance this year.

It is important that we take to Italy the confidence borne out of a successful Home Championship. And it is especially important for the younger players, who have been presented with a great opportunity to establish a place for themselves in the full England set-up. A place in the European Championships is certainly not out of the question.

The FA Cup has given Devonshire and Sunderland the perfect platform on which to display their skills — now they must prove they can bridge that gap between club and country.

Paul Mariner too, who won the last of his five caps two years ago, must aim to reproduce his Ipswich form and become the centre-forward England has missed since Geoff Hurst.



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Gray's raring to go!

Place in Scotland World Cup team is his aim

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ANDY Gray — Britain's costliest footballer — has his heart set on playing for Scotland in the World Cup and declares: "I have rarely felt as confident.

"My biggest asset is my fitness and mobility and I would like to think that this cannot be questioned after some of my later performances."

Gray was delighted with his return to the international scene after a 17-month break when he scored in the 4-1 victory by Scotland over Portugal.

He added: "A lot of people tend to forget that when I joined Wolves at the start of the season I was not as sharp as I should have been.

"But I hadn't played competitive football for seven months and after such a break it takes a long time to get back to full match fitness.

"John Barnwell, the Wolves manager, fully appreciated the position and now I believe that I am back to my best form and fitness."

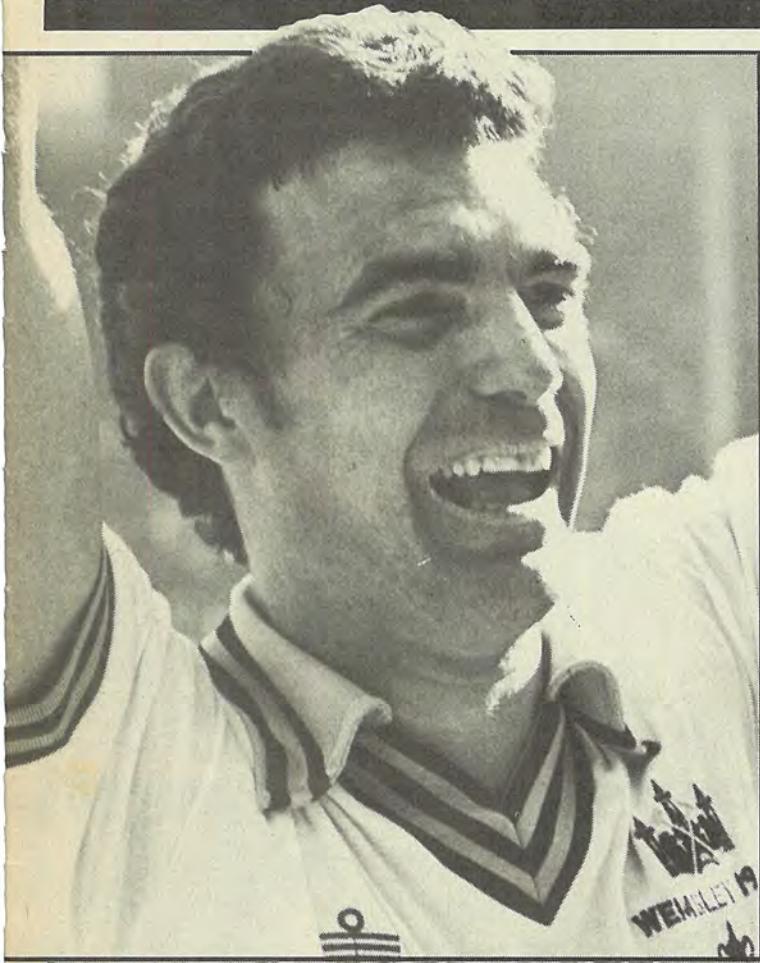
• Match Weekly's seven page special preview on the Home Internationals begins on Page 9.

THE 1980 HOME
INTERNATIONALS



Andy Gray — "My biggest asset is my fitness and mobility."

TERRIFIC



Hammers' Wembley Victory
F.A. CUP SPECIAL 1

TREV!

FITTINGLY it was gentleman footballer Trevor Brooking — playing in what may well be his last ever FA Cup Final — who scored the vital goal which wrenched the trophy from Arsenal's grasp.

Brooking stamped his class all over the Wembley turf. His elegant and deceptive skills were a controlling factor in the first half particularly and his headed winner was a just reward . . . even if it did have a slightly lucky tag attached to it.

It began with a move down the left and a penetrating run from Brooking's midfield partner Alan Devonshire.

"It's my natural game. I just got to the by-line and pulled the ball back. The cross fell to David Cross whose shot was blocked by Willie Young," said Devonshire.

The loose ball came to Stuart

Pearson who supplied the 'cross' for Brooking, but Pearson admitted after the game that he had in fact shot for goal.

"Luckily Trevor got his head to it. I have been involved in a few Finals, but I enjoyed this one more than any," said 'Pancho' Pearson.

And Brooking's own view: "I fell forward, the ball hit my head and it was a goal!"

● Action pictures from the Final on pages 4, 5, 20 and 21.

Below: With Jennings out of position, Arsenal's desperate defence are helpless to prevent Trevor Brooking thumping in his 13th minute close-range header from Stuart Pearson's hard-hit centre. Left: Just terrific — the smile on Trevor's face says it all.



TALBOT
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DUMMIES THAN
MOTHERCARE

Match Weekly produces better pictures than Metro Goldwyn Mayer... no Cup Final would be complete without the special brand of football humour captured here on the banners of the Arsenal fans. But it was West Ham who had the last laugh.

This was the very last moment of action from the 1980 Cup Final. The ref is blowing for time and Hammer Paul Allen is already on his knees. But Arsenal's Willie Young (6) is still challenging for the ball with Ray Stewart.

'Our greatest



Man of the Match Trevor Brooking in elegant action during the Final as he tussles with Arsenal's Talbot.



It's all over for Arsenal. The expressions on the faces of Liam Brady (nearest camera), Alan Sunderland (arm raised) and Sammy Nelson say it all.



Hammers' Wembley Victory FA CUP SPECIAL 2

Let's celebrate. Trevor Brooking, fist clenched in salute, gets a hug that says well done from skipper Billy Bonds (4). They are about to be joined by Alvin Martin. And just look at that victory leap from West Ham's Ray Stewart (far right).

Below: The moment of truth for Arsenal's Pat Rice (left) and Brian Talbot as Hammers' midfield man Alan Devonshire gets round the back to supply the cross which finally led to West Ham's winner.

Pictures: DUNCAN CUBITT

st moment' — JOHN LYALL

Best day in club's history says West Ham boss





The Midfield Masters
...with
West Brom boss

Ron Atkinson

It is no secret in Football that West Bromwich Albion manager Ron Atkinson is Dutch football's biggest fan. He has always admired their 'style' above all, so this week he has taken the opportunity to analyse the way Dutch internationals Franz Thijssen and Arnold Muhren have influenced the Ipswich midfield this season. And our popular columnist, in this the fourth of our Midfield Masters series, also discusses the roles of Eric Gates and John Wark who have also played major parts in the Portman Road revival.

I NEVER tire of watching Dutch football. It has a certain style which I admire and the two internationals at Ipswich, Franz Thijssen and Arnold Muhren have certainly added a style of their own to the English scene.

They have had a great influence on the midfield and have played key roles in the Portman Road comeback since the East Anglian side sat rock bottom of the First Division in the autumn.

Wark too, has been solid and dependable between the two Dutchmen, while Eric Gates, operating between them and twin strikers Mariner and Brazil, has been the biggest single factor in the success run to a place in Europe.

Wark is the anchorman, just like John McGovern at Forest and Graeme Souness at Liverpool. He's aggressive, never stops running and pressurises people into errors. He's got one of the hardest shots in the game too and has the ability to break forward and pick up knock downs from Mariner and rifle in shots with great accuracy.

He lacks invention, I feel, but that comes from Thijssen and

Muhren.

Thijssen has great close skills and an uncanny knack of being able to turn his back on players then turn again quickly and leave them for dead.

He's always combining with players, linking them into attack along the right flank, but it's a mystery to me why he has scored only three goals this season.

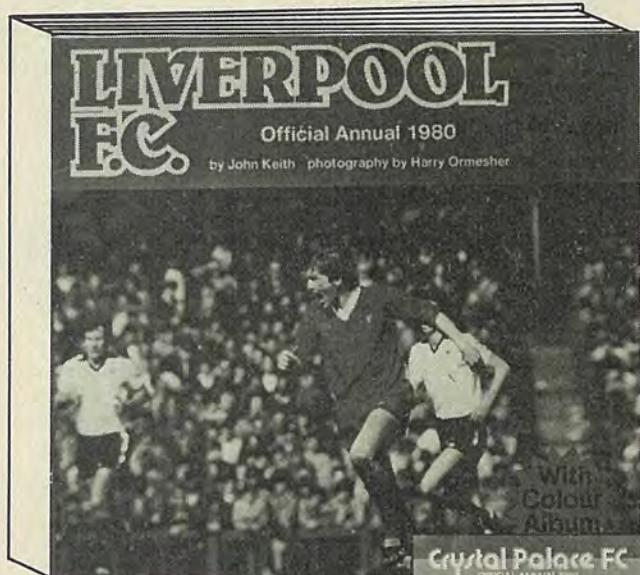
He has tremendous technique so I don't know why he hasn't scored more — I'm sure Bobby Robson will be working on that for next season.

He's the most ungainly looking of players but can wriggle free of close marking and in turn gets back behind the ball to make things difficult for players attacking him.

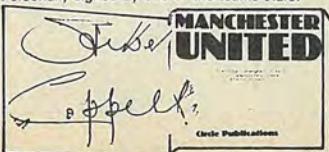
Muhren is very left-footed but his knowledge of the game and great range of passing doesn't make that a handicap. He has caused many problems with left foot crosses into the high inside right channel for Mariner to knock down into the path of Gates or Wark and organises the Ipswich set pieces as well as hitting those long inswinging corners.

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Dutch delight



ERIC GATES

He can crack a ball too, did you see that one at Southampton on April 26? Not strong defensively but knows enough to seal off space.

As I said, the key to the Ipswich fight-back has been the form of Eric Gates. When Ipswich lost



JOHN WARK

Clive Woods through injury, Robson was forced to adopt a new strategy because he'd lost his only winger.

It took time for a new pattern to settle but during the Ipswich burst up the table, Gates has been active just behind the front



ARNOLD MUHREN

two and has proved so difficult to mark.

When we played them, we had difficulty fathoming his role, but I assigned our defensive midfielder Pop Robson to mark him with Batson marking Muhren, that way it didn't alter the shape of our midfield.

When Manchester United went to Ipswich, Dave Sexton admitted he made the mistake of taking Martin Buchan out of the back four to mark Gates — and the little fella caused them real problems in the 6-0 defeat.



FRANZ THIJSSEN

Ron is right — I should score more

admits Franz Thijssen

FRANZ Thijssen agrees with Ron Atkinson that he should score more goals.

Before returning to Holland to prepare for the European Championship with the Dutch national squad, along with teammate Arnold Muhren, he admitted:

"Ron is right I should score more than the three I have to my name this season. With Twente Enschede I always used to score at least 10, but my role at Ipswich means I have to be along the right side. My job now is to make sure there are passes for the front men. If they are scoring then I am happy, though I did get a headed goal against Ron's team!"

Franz, voted Ipswich 'Player of the Year' by the Portman Road fans for his elegant influence on Town's success, explained how the midfield system works.

"Since Clive Woods was injured, Mr Robson had to change the midfield plan and

that meant I had to play wide on the right with George Burley supporting me.

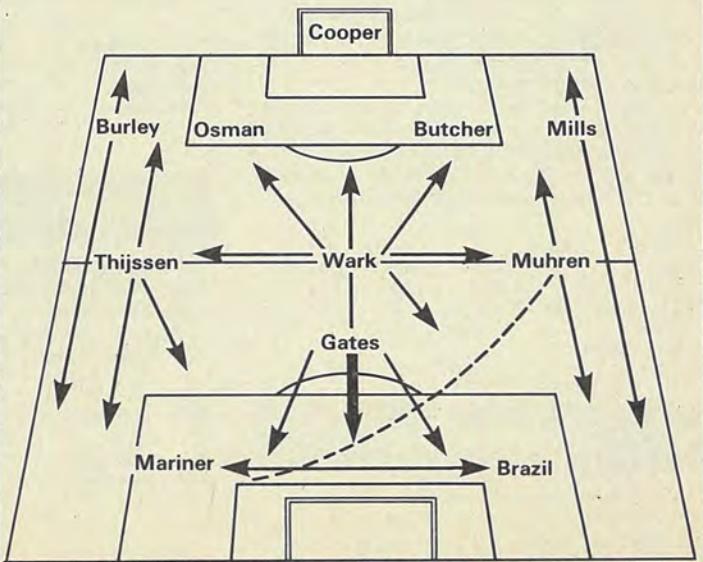
"John Wark is the ball winner in the middle — Arnold and I need one between us — and he also goes forward to score a lot of goals. He is a very good player for us.

"Arnold does the same job as me on the left side, linking up with Mick Mills at the back and Eric Gates playing just behind the front two, gives us alternatives in attack.

"Eric has been very important to our success. He gives us a choice of playing short to him and using his quick turn to get away from tackles, or playing longer balls to Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil.

"We noticed towards the end of the season Eric was getting tighter and tighter marked as teams began to understand our system, but I think that in two years we will get out of always coming third or fourth and perhaps be the top club."

The Ipswich midfield in action. The double thickness line under Gates signifies how he and Wark overlap in attack and the dotted line points out Muhren's favourite ploy of long crosses to Mariner's head.



April Matchmen of the Month



Andy Ritchie — First Division Matchman of the Month for April.

Division Two

Much travelled Luton striker Bob Hatton gets the Second Division Matchman of the Month award by courtesy of his two 9★ ratings in the six games he played in April.

Second placed Tristam Benjamin of Notts County had the same average of 7.66 but only had one 9★ rating.

Chelsea's Ron Harris marks his last season with the club he has served for 20 years with third spot and Preston players Michael Baxter and Roy Tunks — the latter a twice winner of the award — finished fourth and fifth.

Player	Team	Games	Average
BOB HATTON	Luton	6	7.66
Tristam Benjamin	Notts C.	6	7.66
Ron Harris	Chelsea	5	7.6
Michael Baxter	Preston	5	7.6
Roy Tunks	Preston	5	7.6

Division Three

Following the success of his player/manager Howard Kendall in March, Blackburn midfielder Tony Parkes wins the award for April in the Third Division with an average of 7.75.

In fact Blackburn and the two Sheffield

Ritchie's reward

ANDY RITCHIE — Manchester United's super young striker — is Match Weekly's First Division Matchman of the Month for April.

And he has earned the coveted award of a handsome inscribed plaque plus a cheque for £100 even though he has only made three full League appearances for the Reds this season.

Ritchie scored 25 out of a possible 30 in his three games for United during the month of April . . . and one of those was as substitute.

That gave him an average of 8.3 based on our weekly ratings — well clear of Derby's Alan Biley, who finds himself runner-up for the second successive month. Biley's average was 7.66 from six games.

Equal third were Bristol City's Gerry Gow and Gordan Cowans, of Aston Villa. They both averaged 7.5 from six games and each had 8★ and a 9★ rating.

Division One

Equal fifth, but with the same average of 7.5, were West Brom's rising young star Remi Moses and Dutchman Arnold Muhren of Ipswich (both had two 8★ ratings).

Player	Team	Games	Average
ANDY RITCHIE	Man Utd	3	8.3
Alan Biley	Derby Co	6	7.66
Gerry Gow	Bristol C	6	7.5
Gordan Cowans	Aston V	6	7.5
Remi Moses	West Brom	6	7.5
Arnold Muhren	Ipswich	6	7.5

● Scottish matchman of the month — page 22/23.

sides dominate the placings with Tony's team mate Jim Arnold taking third spot and Sheffield players filling the rest of the frame.

Player	Team	Games	Average
TONY PARKES	Blackburn	8	7.75
John McPhail	Sheff Utd	6	7.66
Jim Arnold	Blackburn	6	7.5
Alex Sabella	Sheff Utd	4	7.5
Terry Curran	Sheff Wed	7	7.42

Division Four

Walsall defender Tony Macken has the Fourth Division Matchman of the Month award to add to the joy of promotion.

And his team mate Ron Green makes it a double for the club by picking up fifth spot.

Player	Team	Games	Average
TONY MACKEN	Walsall	6	7.83
Alan Wooler	Aldershot	6	7.83
Tommy Hughes	Hereford	6	7.5
Neil Townsend	B'mouth	6	7.5
Ron Green	Walsall	6	7.5



RIGHT: Bob Hatton of Luton — Second Division Matchman of the Month for April.

THE 1980 HOME INTERNATIONALS

The start
of your 7
page preview

THE Home International Championship kicks off today. For the players it brings with it enormous pride as they pull on the jersey of their respective country in a competition atmosphere.

For the fans it's a time to join together and forget the rivalry of the League season . . . in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland it's all-for-one.

And the Championship this year is made that much more important by the European Championship Finals and World Cup games on the horizon for the four countries involved.

Here in a special seven page preview we get the views of four top stars . . . bring you great colour photographs of other key players in action — and tell you all you want to know about past Home Championship results.



RAY KENNEDY (England and Liverpool)

'We'll obviously be looking to win but it's not going to be easy — it's anybody's title as far as I am concerned and it could all be decided in our match with Scotland on the last day.'



JIMMY NICHOLL (N. Ireland and Man. Utd.)

'Wales and ourselves are under new management, Scotland are experimenting and all eyes will be on England to see how they are shaping up for Italy, but I'll be betting on us to win.'



ARCHIE GEMMILL (Scotland and Birmingham)

'With the World Cup ahead these matches are so important. We must get our house in order for the future but confidence is high.'



TERRY YORATH (Wales and Spurs)

'England will be the strongest team but it's been pretty close in recent years and Wales have been there or thereabouts and we'll be looking for two good results at home.'



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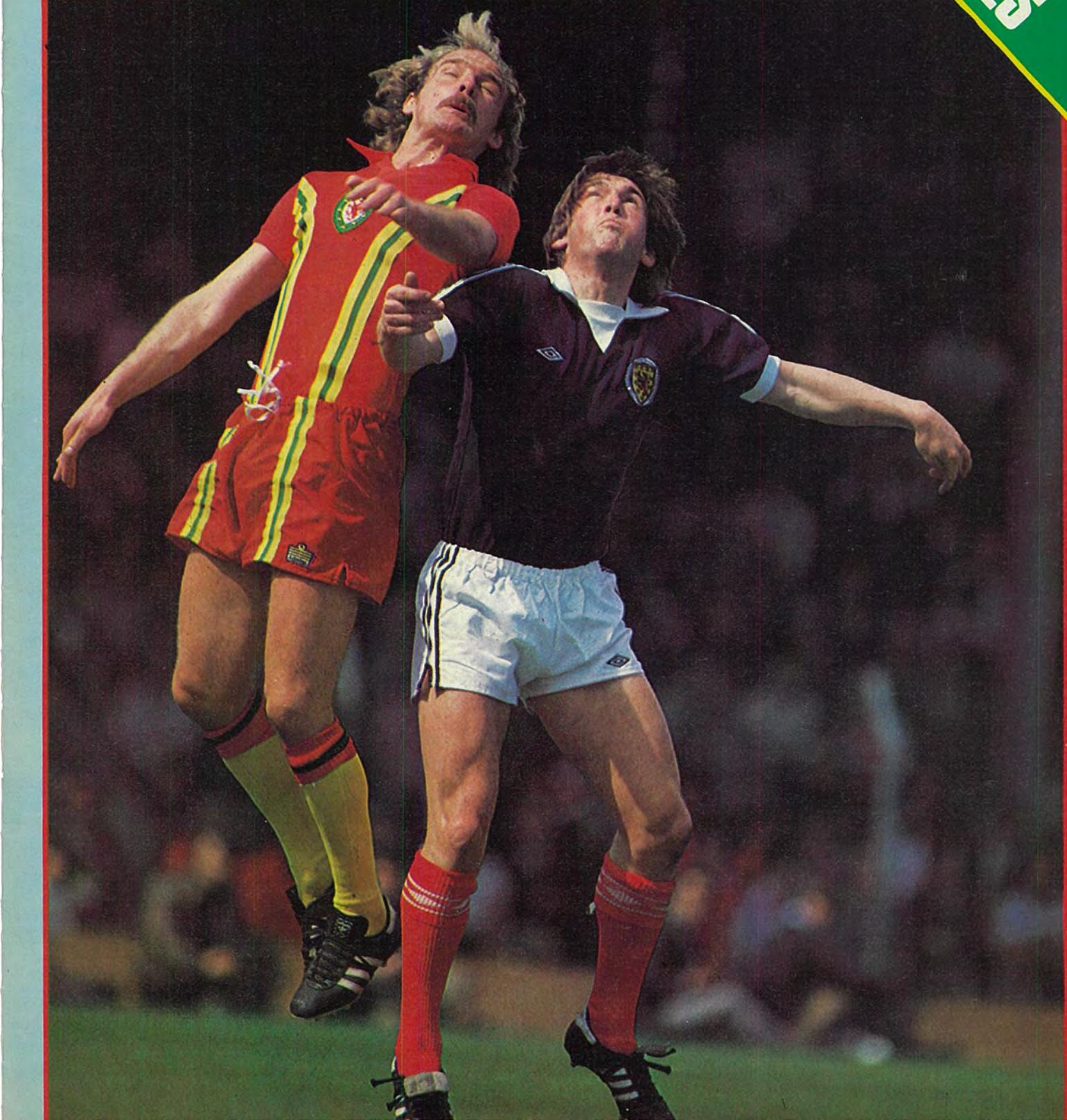
ABOVE: Manchester United's Sammy McIlroy takes on Liverpool's Phil Thompson during the last meeting between Northern Ireland and England in last October's European Championship qualifier in Belfast. England won 5-1.

RIGHT: Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish and Spurs midfield powerhouse Terry Yorath clash in their countries' colours. The two dispute a high ball during last year's Championship.

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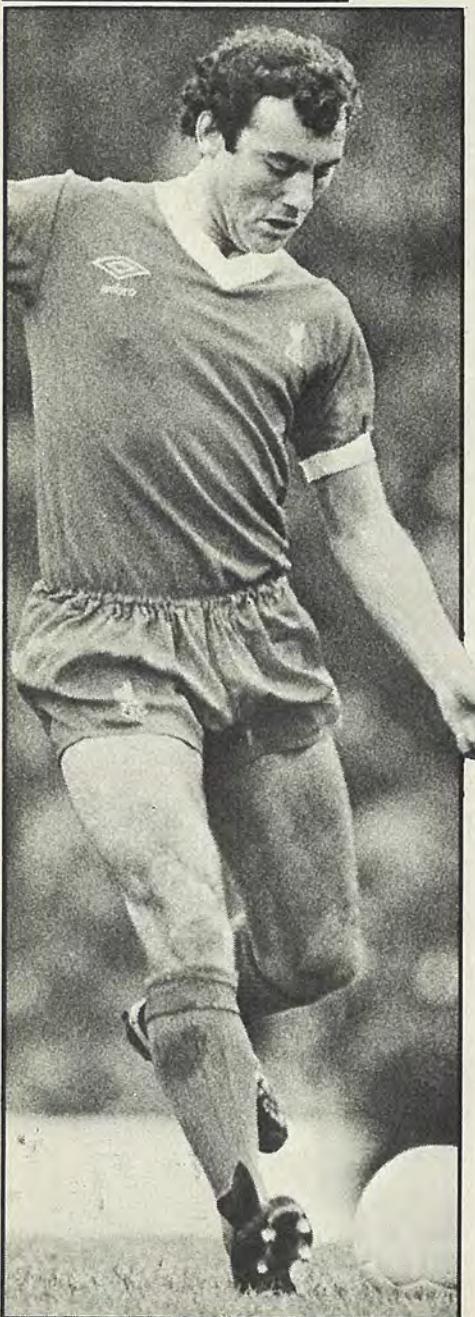


THE 1980 HOME INTERNATIONALS

It isn't going to be easy warns a cautious Ray Kennedy but . . .

Scotland game will be the decider

IN THE whole of this century only one hat-trick has been scored against England in a Home Championship match — by the late Alec Jackson (Huddersfield Town outside right) in a 5-1 Scotland Wembley win on March 31, 1928.



ENGLAND'S showpiece match with Scotland on the last day may well decide the Championship . . . that's the view of midfield star Ray Kennedy.

But he adds: "I wouldn't like to say who will win the title — it's anybody's as far as I am concerned."

His caution may be well founded because England — although almost sure to start favourites — may be without five of their stars . . . Kevin Keegan, Laurie Cunningham, Tony Woodcock, Mick Mills and Trevor Francis.

Says Kennedy: "These games will be an important guide for the European Championship Finals and it's a shame we won't be able to put out a settled side, but it might give a few youngsters the chance of some experience . . . players like Alan Sunderland and Alan Devonshire.

"I've only seen Devonshire play on the television, but I know plenty about Alan Sunderland after our FA Cup semi-final with Arsenal and I think he deserves his chance.

"With England at the moment you are just pleased to be included in the squad — and there's always a chance you'll get a game.

"Obviously we'll be wanting to win this Championship, but it won't be easy."

England have only one game at Wembley

— against the Irish — and Kennedy says:

"It's always hard to go to places like Scotland and Wales and play but it really doesn't matter where you are playing if the team's playing well — you are playing for England and that's the important thing."

England's first game is against Wales at Wrexham. Wales beat England 1-0 at Wembley in 1977 and forced a draw last year but it was 1955 when England last lost in Wales.

Says Kennedy: "They haven't got a lot of what you might call big names, but they work well as a unit and they'll fight hard on their own ground."

Wembley is the venue for England's next opponents Northern Ireland. England won 2-0 in Belfast last year and although Ireland won 1-0 at Wembley in 1972 they have only ever beaten England six times.

"With the Arsenal lads in the side they will be very strong defensively," says Kennedy.

Then comes the big one — Scotland at Hampden . . .

"I think this is where the Championship could be decided and Scotland will be fighting like hell because they are playing England.

"Scotland will want to finish top and say they have beaten the English — it will be up to us to pull our socks up."

England v N. Ireland

Meetings: 87
English victories: 68
Irish victories: 6
Draws: 13
Goals for England: 302
Goals for Northern Ireland: 78
Biggest English victory: 13-0 (Belfast 1882)
Biggest Irish victory: 3-0 (Middlesbrough 1914)

England squad

Ray Clemence (Liverpool), Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest), Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), Dave Watson (Southampton), Trevor Cherry (Leeds), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Emlyn Hughes (Wolves), Kenny Sansom (Crystal Palace), Ray Kennedy (Liverpool), Ray Wilkins (Manchester United), Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Trevor Brooking (West Ham), Alan Devonshire (West Ham), Bryan Robson (West Brom), Kevin Keegan (Hamburg), Steve Coppell (Manchester United), Trevor Francis (Nottingham Forest), Tony Woodcock (Cologne), Peter Barnes (West Brom), Laurie Cunningham (Real Madrid), Alan Sunderland (Arsenal), David Johnson (Liverpool), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Kevin Reeves (Manchester City).

Scotland for me

Scotland — backed by their fanatical Tartan army — will win the Home International Championship.

While I can't see Wales or Northern Ireland posing any serious threat to either of the other two countries I believe the title will be decided on the last day at a packed Hampden when Scotland take on England.

I reckon Scotland will win the battle of the arch rivals and that will decide the issue. England will have to settle for second spot.

Here are my match predictions. Have a go yourself to add some extra interest to the enjoyment of the championship.

Match Forecasts

	Paul	You	predicts	predict	Result
Wales v England	0-2			
N. Ireland v Scotland	1-1			



THE 1980 HOME INTERNATIONALS

For the record

Scotland v Wales

Meetings: 94 (including four in the World Cup, 1948, 1952, 1977, 1977 and two in the European Championship, 1965, 1966).

Scottish victories: 56

Welsh victories: 16

Draws: 22

Goals for Scotland: 231

Goals for Wales: 106

Biggest Scottish victory: 9-0 (Glasgow 1878)

Biggest Welsh victory: 5-2 (Edinburgh 1933) and 3-0 (Cardiff 1979).

Scotland v England

Meetings: 97 (including two in the World Cup, 1950 and 1954 and two in the European Championship, 1967 and 1968)

Scottish victories: 38

English victories: 37

Draws: 22

Goals for England: 177

Goals for Scotland: 164

Biggest English victory: 9-3 (Wembley 1961)

Biggest Scottish victory: 7-2 (Glasgow 1878 and 6-1 (Kennington Oval 1881).

The Scottish squad

Alan Rough (Partick), Alan McCulloch (Kilmarnock), Billy Thomson (St. Mirren), Danny McGrain (Celtic), George Burley (Ipswich), Willie Miller (Aberdeen), Alan Hansen (Liverpool), David Narey (Dundee United), Ally Dawson (Rangers), Ray Stewart (West Ham), Archie Gemmill (Birmingham), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen), Alex McLeish (Aberdeen), Roy Aitken (Celtic), Davie Provan (Celtic), Steve Archibald (Spurs), Andy Gray (Wolves), Alan Brazil (Ipswich), Peter Weir (St Mirren), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Joe Jordan (Manchester United).

How we play means more than results

ARCHIE Gemmill's not worried about Scotland's results in the Home Internationals . . . it's only the performances that interest him.

Gemmill said: "With the World Cup campaign about to begin these Championships are so important for Scotland.

"We've got to get our own house in order for the tricky matches ahead. That's why the performances will mean more than the results.

"Confidence is high in our camp following the 4-1 win against Portugal in our final European Championship game.

"I just hope we can build on this in the Home Internationals and carry it onto the World Cup."

With the two teams due to meet in Group Six of the World Cup, Scotland's opening

fixture in the home tourney away to Northern Ireland, assumes extra importance.

But Scottish captain Gemmill denies that a victory either way on Friday will go a long way to deciding the World Cup issue.

"It's a totally different game," he added. "We could win in Belfast but lose in the World Cup and vice versa. It's going to be interesting as it's the first time we've gone to Belfast in ten years — but I don't think this will affect our performance.

"We mustn't worry about the other countries — it's only what Scotland do that counts. People say the England fixture will be the crucial one but that game is no more important than the rest."

Gemmill missed last year's championship through Nottingham Forest's progress to the European Cup Final and he's pleased to be involved again.



Archie Gemmill: "These Championships are so important for Scotland."

STRATTON ON SATURDAY



Reporter Paul Stratton takes a look at the weekend's football programme

England v N. Ireland
Scotland v Wales
Wales v N. Ireland
Scotland v England

3-0
2-1
1-0
2-1



THE 1980 HOME INTERNATIONALS

Welsh captain TERRY YORATH says. . .

'We've proved we are no push-overs'

ENGLAND remain the team everyone has to beat . . . according to Terry Yorath who drove Wales to within a point of the Championship last year.

He told Match: "Even if they are without players from abroad, like Kevin Keegan, they will still be the strongest team.

"The squad Ron Greenwood has got together now is so strong he could put out two teams."

Despite his admiration for England — winners of the Championship for the past two years — Yorath is hoping for good things under new team manager Mike England, who he feels will be using this competition as vital preparation for Wales' World Cup campaign which begins on June 2.

"I think Mike may make a couple of changes to give players experience for the forthcoming World Cup matches," says the Welsh skipper.

"That's not to say we won't be trying to win this one, but Mike may be looking to blood a couple of youngsters.

"I think the young goalkeeper from Bristol Rovers, Martin Thomas, and David Giles of Swansea may well get a game."

Yorath is quick to point out that Wales have been no push-overs in the past few years.

"It's been pretty close and Wales have been there or thereabouts. The spirit among the Welsh squad has always been good and we would have won the Championship last year if Scotland had got a result at Wembley in the last match.

"I was watching the game at Wembley the day after our game on Friday and it was just like watching a Cup Final, knowing the outcome was so important to us.

"Our players tend to look forward to playing at stadiums like Hampden or Wembley because we haven't really got a recognised national stadium.

"But this year we have two home games — against England

and against Northern Ireland — and we'll be looking for two good results.

"We get great support in Wales and if anything it has grown over the past few years."

Wales kick off their Home International campaign in Wrexham against England. Says Yorath: "There are so many different ways they can play it's difficult to say how it might go. They might play Bob Latchford or David Johnson at centre forward, Kevin Reeves could come in.

"They are strong in midfield but we have probably been at our strongest in that department.

"We battle it out and we have often come out on top. We drew with England at Wembley last year but the year before that we lost 3-1 in Cardiff and that was a bit of a let down."

Great season

Scotland are Wales' next opponents at Hampden Park: "We beat them last year for the first time since 1964 and I don't think our players will be overawed by Hampden.

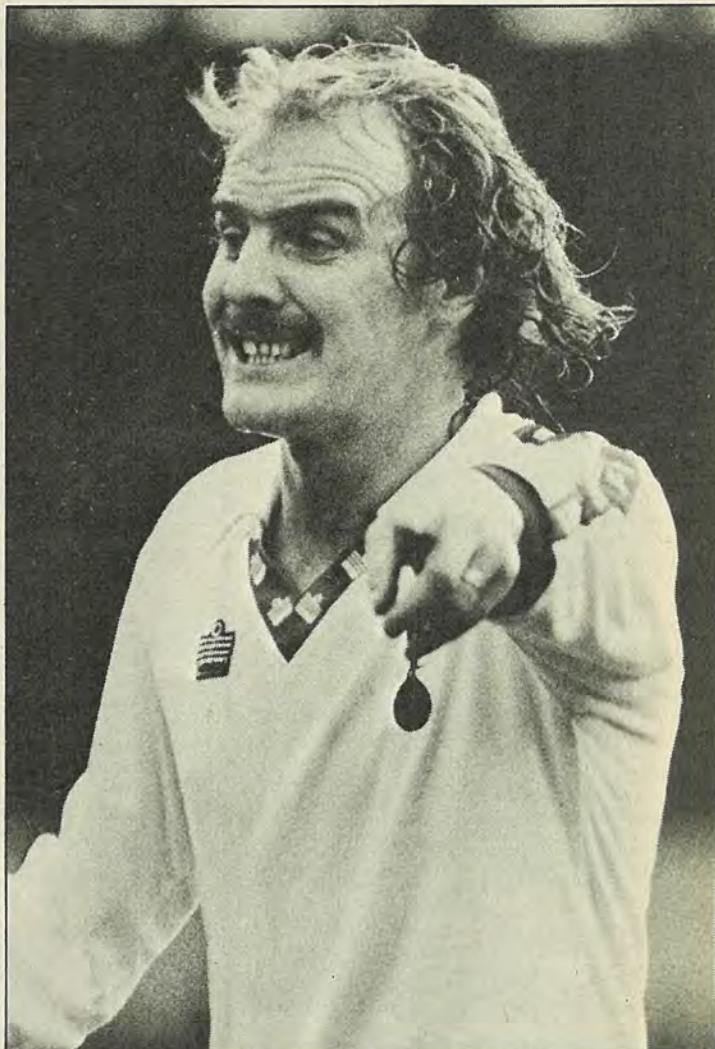
"There are any number of good Anglo-Scots like Joe Jordan, Kenny Dalglish, Archie Gemmill, Graeme Souness — and Steve Archibald of Aberdeen has been having a great season. Then there's Andy Gray of course.

"Maybe at the back they are not so strong but they still have people like Gordon McQueen and Alan Hansen. Scotland may well be doing the same as us and experimenting a little."

Wales' last game is against Northern Ireland at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

"Our last game is always against Northern Ireland and it can be a bit of an anti-climax after playing at Hampden or Wembley.

"The Irish team is much the same as ours in that it depends very much on teamwork and they played some good football against us last year."



Terry Yorath — "Ron Greenwood could put out two teams."

PAST RESULTS

Wales v England

Meetings: 92 (including four in the World Cup, 1949, 1953, 1972, 1973, and two in the European Championship, 1966, 1967)
English victories: 60
Welsh victories: 12
Draws: 20
Goals for England: 235
Goals for Wales: 84
Biggest English victory: 9-1 (1896 Cardiff)
Biggest Welsh victory: 5-3 (Wrexham 1882) 3-1 (Crystal Palace 1926) and 4-2 (Cardiff 1938).

Wales v N Ireland

Meetings: 86 (including two in the World Cup, 1950, 1954, and two in the European Championship 1967 and 1968)
Welsh victories: 40
Irish victories: 26
Draws: 20
Goals for Wales: 176
Goals for Northern Ireland: 124
Biggest Welsh victory: 11-0 (Wrexham 1888)
Biggest Irish victory: 7-0 (Belfast 1930).

The Welsh Squad

Dai Davies (Wrexham), Martin Thomas (Bristol Rovers), Mark Kendall (Spurs), Joey Jones (Wrexham), Keith Pontin (Cardiff), Ian Davies (Newcastle), David Jones (Norwich), Paul Price (Luton), Leighton Phillips (Swansea), George Berry (Wolves), Byron Stevenson (Leeds), Peter Nicholas (Crystal Palace), Brian Flynn (Leeds), Terry Yorath (Spurs), Mickey Thomas (Manchester United), Carl Harris (Leeds), David Giles (Swansea), Ian Walsh (Crystal Palace), Leighton James (Burnley), Ian Rush (Chester), Kevin Ratcliffe (Everton) and Gordon Davis (Fulham).



THE 1980 HOME INTERNATIONALS

JIMMY NICHOLL looks at his country's chances

My money's on Northern Ireland

THE WEE man who stretches 'ten feet tall' when he pulls on the green jersey of Northern Ireland is, once again, putting money on his side for the Home Internationals.

Manchester United's popular right-back Jimmy Nicholl said: "I always have a little dabble on our chances. We are such long odds that it's worth it!"

But behind Nicholl's joke lies a firm belief that Northern Ireland can this year make up for all those barren seasons in the end-of-term tourney.

"Our game at home to Scotland on Friday is of vital importance — and not only because we have to meet them in group six of the World Cup later on.

"We haven't played Scotland at home for ten years so it will be interesting to see how we get on. We've always done well at Hampden in recent years, but never had the run of the ball.

"With our own supporters behind us we should do better and, if we win, who knows what will happen."

Nicholl always looks forward to the international bonanza but says the interest this time will be greater than for some years.

"Both Wales and ourselves are under new management, Scotland are still experimenting to find their best team and all eyes will be on England to see how they're shaping for Italy.

"Ireland always enjoy themselves and, despite finishing bottom last year, we'll go out with confidence.

"There are so many United players involved in the competition that it's a major talking point at this time of year. Sammy McIlroy and I always stick up for Ireland because we know we've got a good team.

"John O'Neill of Leicester has settled in really well at the back and Tottenham's Gerry Armstrong always does great for us."

Nicholl looks like furthering his international career in a defensive role — despite relishing the midfield role he had in last year's championships.

"I was involved all the time and I really enjoyed it, but when I spoke to Billy Bingham before the Israel game he said he wanted me at right back.

"We seem to have a surplus of midfield players but are short everywhere else.

"Billy Bingham impressed me in his first game as manager.

"I've a feeling we'll be a little more defensive than when Danny Blanchflower was in charge. It's not to say he'll restrict us in any way but I think there'll be more discipline in our play.

"We'll definitely be pulling out a bit extra for the new boss. It's only natural that players go out determined to show what they can do."



Jimmy Nicholl: "We'll definitely be pulling out a bit extra for the new boss."

PAST RESULTS

N. Ireland v Scotland

Meetings: 84
Scottish victories: 59
Irish victories: 13
Draws: 12
Goals for Scotland: 249
Goals for Northern Ireland: 76
Biggest Scottish victory: 11-0 (Glasgow 1901)
Biggest Irish victory: 2-0 (Glasgow 1903) and 2-0 (Belfast 1947)

It's a fact

ON MARCH 31, 1954, Aston Villa outside left Peter McParland, making his international debut, scored in the first 40 seconds and later added Northern Ireland's other goal in a 2-1 win against Wales at Wrexham.

The Northern Ireland squad for the Home Internationals is: P. Jennings (Arsenal), J. Platt (Middlesbrough), J. Nicholl (Southampton), P. Rice (Arsenal), S. Nelson (Arsenal), C. Nicholl (Southampton), J. O'Neill (Leicester), M. Donaghy (Luton), T. Cochrane (Middlesbrough), N. Brotherton (Blackburn), B. Hamilton (Burnley), T. Finney (Cambridge), S. McIlroy (Manchester United), G. Armstrong (Tottenham), D. McCreery (QPR), T. Cassidy (Newcastle), T. Sloan (Manchester United). Standing by in case of injury are: J. McClelland (Mansfield), J. Sloan (Ballymena), B. Hamilton (Swindon), D. Spence (Southend), C. McCurdy (Linfield).

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Penny Farnsworth of Market Harborough asks:
Have all 11 First Division matches ever ended in a draw?
No, but eight of the 11 on Jan. 19, 1974, were drawn.

Sean Grimes of Sutton Coldfield asks:
After recently watching a football match the goalkeeper got injured. Even though it was not a foul, before the ball went out of play the ref stopped the game and the 'keeper was treated. The game was then restarted by a dropball. Was this decision correct or should the game have carried on until the ball went out?

It is a matter for the discretion of the referee.

Daryl Clarke of Holyport, Maidenhead, asks:
What's the highest score that England have got against any team and what's the highest number of own goals in one match?
England's biggest-ever win in any full international match was 13-0 v. Ireland at Belfast on Feb. 18, 1882.

David Ball of Longridge, Preston, asks:
Could you please tell me how many appearances Tom Finney made for England and also how many goals did he score?
Tom Finney made 70 appearances, scoring 30 goals, for England in full international matches between 1947 and 1959.

Jeremy Elson of Guildford, Surrey, asks:
Please could you tell me how many goals Peter Osgood and Tommy Baldwin scored between them in their playing careers with Chelsea and how many hat-tricks they scored?
Peter Osgood scored 103 goals (two hat-tricks) in 267 Football League matches with Chelsea and Tommy Baldwin 74 goals (one hat-trick) in 177 matches.

Michael Chappell of Sheffield asks:
Did Sheffield United ever score five goals against the Arsenal team of the 30's at Bramall Lane? If so, in what year?
Sheffield United's biggest wins against Arsenal in the Thirties were two of 4-1, both at home, on Dec. 16, 1929, and Dec. 25, 1931.

R. Thompson of Preston asks:
Who was the last player in the First Division to score a hat-trick in three successive matches? *The last player to score three hat-tricks in successive First Division matches was Jack Balmer for Liverpool v. Portsmouth (home) on Nov. 9, 1946, Derby County (away) on Nov. 16, and Arsenal (home) on Nov. 23.*

Carl Forster of Newtown, Birmingham, asks:
I am a loyal Birmingham City supporter and I would be grateful if you could tell me the name of the ground that Blues played on before moving to St. Andrew's.
Before Birmingham moved to St. Andrew's in 1906 they had played at Muntz Street, Small Heath, since 1877.

Richard Harms of Bolton asks:
My dad says Bury held the record score for an F.A. Cup Final. Is it true?
Yes. They defeated Derby County by 6-0 on April 18, 1903.



For every
letter published

I'm not

ARSENAL's fantastic run-in to the end of the season has only doubled Tottenham's determination to bring the glory days back to White Hart Lane next season.

What bigger spur can we have than the knowledge that Arsenal are the top dogs in north London.

But in one way it's got to be good for Tottenham. Any success that Arsenal — or the other clubs — bring to the capital has to be favourable for every London side.

I know most of our supporters will disagree with me. They'd prefer to see Arsenal struggling

at the bottom of the table. The rivalry between the two clubs is that fierce.

That rivalry doesn't affect me. A lot of the Arsenal players live close to my Hertfordshire home — Alan Sunderland used to live next door — and I know them as friends as well as opponents on the pitch.

I want to beat the Gunners as keenly as the rest of the Tottenham side. We know it means so much to our fans to come out tops in the two League games — but it's not the be-all and end-all for me.

This season we let our supporters down, losing 1-0 at Highbury on Boxing Day and 2-1 at home on Easter Monday.

The latter defeat was the worst



jealous of the Gunners

Their success is good for Tottenham

to bear because Arsenal were only able to field a half-strength side due to injuries. But they showed their tremendous strength in depth by winning with two late goals.

They did it again at Coventry on the last Saturday of the season. Only five players remained from the team which two nights earlier knocked out

Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final third replay, but they still returned home with the points.

Youngsters like goalkeeper Paul Barron, defenders John Devine and Steve Walford and forward Paul Vaessen mean that Arsenal's continued good health on the field is assured.

Archie Gemmill said in this magazine last week that he thought they were very close to being the best team in Britain

and would definitely be the team of the eighties. I can't agree with that!

Despite their defeat by Arsenal in the semi-final and definite signs of weakening in the latter stages of the League campaign I stick with Liverpool as my choice for the team of the eighties.

The signings of Ian Rush from Chester and Richard Money from Fulham are typical of the way the Liverpool system works. A fantastic season when they went

so close to carrying off the Double, a season when they entertained millions of fans up and down the country — and yet they're still not satisfied.

• I will be giving you my views on the England v Argentina clash at Wembley in my next column.

ARDILES



Left: I can't wait to get involved in the action again next season.

Below: Paul Vaessen scoring the first of the two Arsenal goals that beat us at White Hart Lane on Easter Monday. The local derbies were a big disappointment for us this year.



Back to Argentina

BY THE time you read this week's column I'll be winging my way across the world to spend the close season in my home country.

I've already had a week's break in Miami after Tottenham's final game with Bristol City so I'm well and truly into the holiday spirit.

But to be honest I'm not one of

those players who yearn for the close season. I like my football too much. There's no doubt I shall miss it during the summer weeks and I'm already looking forward to the opening shots of the new season.

Fortunately, being so slim in build I don't have any problem keeping fit when I'm not playing. I can lounge around all through the sunny days and not worry about the rigours of pre-season training when I get back.

But I'll still get a bit of exercise. My friends in Argentina will pressure me into joining in their friendly kickabouts.

I shall also watch plenty of football. The Argentinian season goes on all through the English summer and I'll get to a game most Saturdays.

If you think the English close season is short you should spare a thought for the Argentinian footballers.

Their close season extends to three weeks — if they're lucky! But it doesn't seem to bother the players because their programme is nowhere near as demanding as ours. There are no midweek games, fewer cup games and the pressure of two fixtures a week doesn't exist.

The rest of the time I shall be catching up on the gossip from my friends and relations and playing a lot of tennis and chess.

The 'ups and downs' of the Buckley brothers . . .

DELIGHT AND DESPAIR

The Brothers PART TWO

AS BROTHERS Steve and Alan Buckley take a well-earned summer break, they will look back on a season of vastly contrasting fortunes.

Alan has every reason to be delighted with his soccer achievements. As player-manager of Walsall he has led the side to promotion from Division Four . . . in his first season in charge.

Meanwhile at the other end of the scale, Steve — the younger brother by two years — can only reflect on a season of disappointment that led to relegation from Division One for his side, Derby County.

Says Alan: "We see a lot of each other, because we only live a couple of miles apart. Steve's disappointed from a club point of view and his own personal point of view.

"He doesn't regard himself as a Second Division player and no-one wants to play in the Second if they can play in the First.

"From my own point of view I am delighted with the way things have gone. You can't make rash statements about next season, but we have the basis of a good team to make the step-up," added Alan, who has scored more than 160 goals for Walsall in his two spells with the club.

Of his brother Steve, Alan says: "I've seen him play quite often. He's a good strong player with a super left foot and he knocks some good balls in for the strikers.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Alan Buckley

Clubs	Lg	Lg
app	gls	
Nottm F	16	1
Walsall	241	125
Birmingham	24	8
Walsall	46	18

Steve Buckley

Clubs	Lg	Lg
app	gls	
Luton	123	4
Derby	102	5

"He loves to get forward and attack and perhaps he hasn't been able to do that as much as he would have liked this season."

As hopeful youngsters both Alan and Steve hoped to make a name for themselves with Nottingham Forest. Alan was taken on and in fact made 16 first team appearances for the club but Steve was told he wasn't wanted.

Recalled Alan: "Steve was only 15 at the time and it was very disappointing. He ended up in dead end jobs in a brewery and working as a plumbers mate.

"But then he was taken on by Luton and obviously I was delighted for him," said Alan.

Steve takes up the story: "I was pleased for our Alan that he had made it but I had to go out and find a job.

"I was still playing football on a semi-professional basis with Burton Albion and I was enjoying myself although I still wanted to turn pro."

It was four years later, at 20 years of age, that Steve finally made the grade with Luton Town — then in the First Division.

But Luton, of course, were relegated before Steve finally moved on to his present club, Derby. Now he faces the agony of the drop again but whether his future is with Derby remains to be seen.

"We shall have to wait and see. I still have another year of my contract to run, but I want First Division football."

Of his brother Alan he says: "He's always likely to score goals. He's got good ball control and he's very sharp in the six yard box. I just hope it goes as well for him next season."



Derby's Steve Buckley — doubts over his future at the club.



Walsall boss Alan Buckley: "We have the basis of a good team to make the step-up."

On the eve of Forest's European Cup Final against Hamburg, Clough says . . .

EXCLUSIVE

Germans can teach us so much

I'VE been following German football for the last thirteen years — so there is a lot about Hamburg's play that we'll be acquainted with when we meet them in Madrid on May 28 in the European Cup Final.

When I took over at Derby in June 1967, one of the first things I did was to arrange a pre-season tour of Germany to find out more about them to give us the ideal preparation for the massive challenges that were ahead of us.

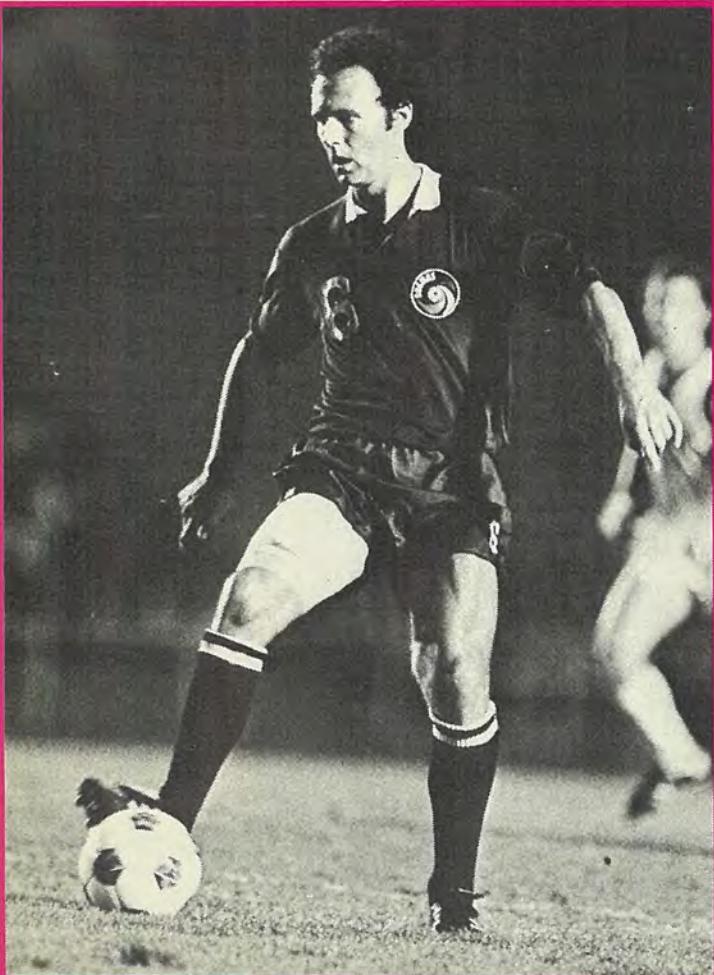
I remember the time because it was a nightmare — not for me, but my wife. She had three children all under the age of five, we had moved into a

house in Derby, there were no carpets on the floor — and I was shooting off to Germany with the lads!

But we found the experience rewarding just as we have on our pre-season trips to Germany with Nottingham Forest.

On that first occasion I went with Derby, I was a young up-and-coming, eager-to-learn manager and I picked up more in that ten-day trip than most managers get to know in a year.

I was fascinated by German football after they came to England in 1966 and took us to extra time before we won the



Franz Beckenbauer — all the skill and composure to be an outstanding performer on any stage.

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World Cup.

But what happened immediately after has to go down as a plus for the West Germans and a black mark for us. In the aftermath of 1966, the Germans set about developing their game with individual skill while we stood still.

I've always thought — and still think — that West German football is the nearest to our own. But after losing at Wembley they put much greater emphasis on individual talent . . . and it showed.

They reached the semi-finals of the 1970 World Cup in Mexico before losing to Italy 4-3 and in 1974 took the title on their own Munich soil.

So they progressed while we stood still — and they had masters of the arts to help them achieve things.

In Franz Beckenbauer they had a player with all the skill and composure to be an outstanding performer on any stage. With the likes of him in their side, they were always going to be competing on level terms with the best in the world.

Then they had a guy called Gerd Muller, who didn't play against England in 1966. But he was soon emerging as one of the top strikers in Europe — if not the world. He proved it in Mexico, where he finished as leading scorer with 10 goals in the 1970 World Cup.

They are just two of the extraordinary examples of German class we have witnessed over the last decade or so and from what we know and hear they are on their way to producing another side that can be equally powerful.

The strengths of West German football are showing

through at club level and it's no coincidence that as well as Hamburg reaching the final of the European Cup, the last four in the UEFA Cup all came from the Bundesliga.

When we knew we were in the final alongside Hamburg we were not exactly in the dark about them. But, even so, Peter Taylor and I have made certain that we've had a good look at them recently. As I said, there is always something you can learn from the Germans.

Brian Clough

• NEXT WEEK I will talk frankly about Hamburg's Kevin Keegan and the friction between us. I will also name another Hamburg player who I believe will be a major threat to Forest in the European Cup Final.

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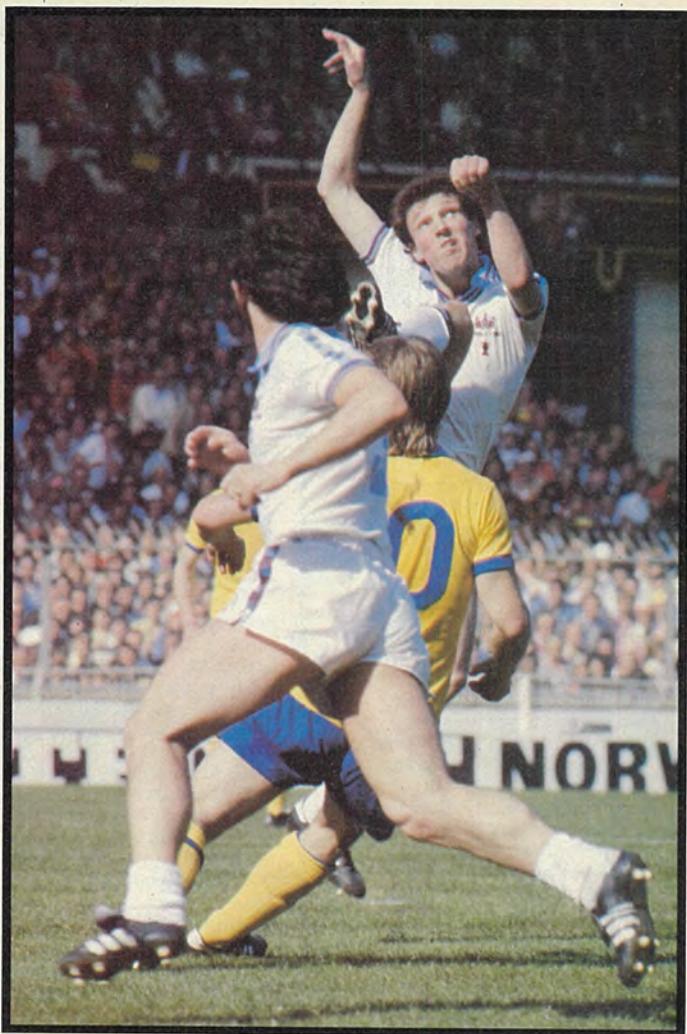
ithfuls when Billy glittering trophy on's roof.
A Cup was heading old knees-up

lap of honour — and as had danced round the have never done before. the dream of collecting ve season was over.

Left: We've won the Cup! West Ham players stop on their emotional lap of honour to pose with the Cup. Back row they are (left to right): skipper Billy Bonds, defender Alvin Martin, the unlucky Pat Holland and Jimmy Neighbour who failed to make the team, and substitute Paul Brush. Front row: Alan Devonshire (with the famous teddy), little Paul Allen with cap and Cup, Ray Stewart and Geoff Pike.

Below: Arsenal midfield maestro Liam Brady in full flight as he gets in a shot on the West Ham goal, despite the attentions of Trevor Brooking (left) and Ray Stewart. But the ball hit the side netting.

Right: Up for the Cup. West Ham's Alvin Martin makes an acrobatic headed clearance.



NAREY'S MAN OF

'Keepers on the market

TWO BIG name goalkeepers on the market again are Stewart Kennedy, of Rangers, and Thomson Allan, of Hearts. Both of them were internationals — Kennedy being capped six times and Allan an understudy to David Harvey in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany.

The game Kennedy would most like to forget was the five-goal drubbing by England at Wembley in 1975. He was dropped by both club and country immediately after that, with Peter McCloy taking his place in the Rangers side.

There are suggestions now that Rangers may attempt to lure Middlesbrough keeper Jim Stewart back to Scotland.

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Hammers to up McDicken bid?

FA CUP finalists West Ham may have failed in a £200,000 bid for Kilmarnock's 25 year-old central defender Derrick McDicken earlier in the season — but manager John Lyall doesn't give up that easily.

The West Ham boss and assistant manager Eddie Bailey made a top secret trip to again watch McDicken in one of the closing matches of the season against Dundee. Now they are considering increasing their offer.

Kilmarnock, part-time and shrewdly successful in buying and selling players, are in no hurry to part with their giant defender. In the past most of their big money sales have taken some time to get off the ground.

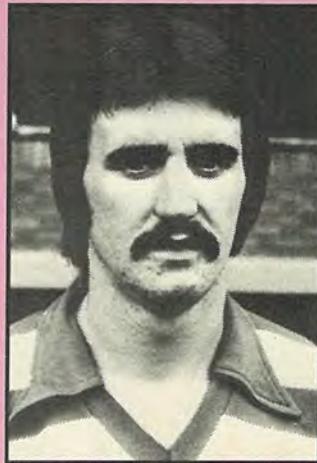
Rangers, for example, had to

make two attempts before getting Gordon Smith for £65,000 and Middlesbrough had to show patience before landing goalkeeper Jim Stewart for around £100,000.

Says McDicken: "Naturally, I was disappointed when the first move fell down, but I know that the club never jump into transfers too hastily."

"It would have been nice to have been part of the side which played in the FA Cup Final, but really all I can do is sit and await developments."

Another club prepared to spend big money in Scotland are Stoke City, who are again set to enter the race for St. Mirren's international left-back Ian Munro. The asking figure is around £300,000.



Derrick McDicken — Hammers' target.

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Player	Club	Average
1 DAVID NAREY	Dundee U	7.75
2 Alan Rough	Partick	7.71
3 Jim McArthur	Hibernian	7.50
4 Billy Stark	St Mirren	7.50
5 Alan McCulloch	Kilmarnock	7.44
6 Willie Miller	Aberdeen	7.44
7 Billy Thomson	St Mirren	7.37
8 Eamonn Bannon	Dundee U	7.28

MAGNIFICENT consistency as Dundee United clawed their way up the Premier Division has earned central defender David Narey our coveted 'Matchman of the Month' award for April.

Narey, aged 23, who is set to win his fourth Scottish cap in the Home Internationals next week, wins a handsome *MATCH WEEKLY* plaque and a cheque for £100.

"I'm delighted to win it," he said. "It will go nicely with my new Scottish League Cup winners' medal."

"We have recovered from a poor start to the season when my defensive partner Paul Hegarty was injured, but recently we have pulled ourselves up with some good results including a 1-1 draw with Aberdeen."

"I'm confident we can do well in the league next season. We have all grown up together and with Willie Pettigrew, David Dodds and Paul Sturrock on form, we can make a big challenge to make up for last season when we blew it after leading the table for most of the season."

Goalkeepers continue to dominate the Scottish *MATCH FACTS* averages — indeed there are four in the top eight.

Best of them is Partick's international Alan Rough, who edges Hibernian keeper Jim McArthur into third spot.



Consistent David Narey — winner of the Match Weekly 'Matchman of the Month' award for April.

The joke's on Jock!

LEICESTER City boss Jock Wallace received something of a hero's welcome when he turned up at the Football Writers dinner in Glasgow at which Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan received his Player of the Year Award.

Welcoming big Jock, chairman Hugh Taylor cracked: "Nice to see the big fellow here tonight and congratulations on leading Leicester back to the First Division . . . in his usual gentle manner!"

★ ★ ★
WORLD Cup stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa will both be in the Spurs side to meet Rangers at Ibrox in a challenge match on Monday, August 4.

The match is for the opening of the new Ibrox 7,500 seater grandstand. It will bring the seating capacity at the stadium to 37,000. Already over 1,000 fans have booked seats in the stand at a package price of £46.00 for the entire season.

★ ★ ★

AIRDRIE fans still celebrating their club's promotion to the Premier Division for the first time have received another boost with the news that top scorer Sandy Clark is to stay at the club.

Clark, who is also club captain, delighted the demanding Broomfield fans by signing a new two-year contract.

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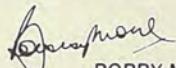
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CELTIC (0) 1 (McCluskey 108)
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After Extra Time

Att: 70,303 (At Hampden Park)
Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 7,
★McGRAIN 8, Aitken 7, Conroy 7,
McLeod 7, Provan 7, Doyle 7 (sub.
Lennox), McCluskey 7, Burns 6,
McGarvey 6.

Rangers: ★McCLOY 8, Jardine 7,
Dawson 6, Forsyth 6 (sub. Miller),
Jackson 7, Stevens 6, Cooper 7,
Russell 6, Johnstone 6, Smith 6,
MacDonald 6 (sub. McLean 6).
Referee: G. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ***



IT'S
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Above Left: A tricky moment for 'keeper Peter McCloy as he collides with Celtic skipper Danny McGrain. But McCloy recovered well to regain possession. Looking on are Ally Dawson and George McCluskey.

Goalscorer George McCluskey was walking ten feet tall when the final whistle went — thanks to the giant hat donated by one of the jubilant Celtic fans. Here he gets the adulation of a supporter and the escort of a police officer.

CELTIC'S CUP- GEORGE!

RIGHT: extra time and Rangers' manager John Greig gets to work on lifting his players for one final effort, but it was all in vain as Celtic went on to win.

Danny McGrain (left) and Frank McGarvey rush to congratulate George McCluskey after he had scored Celtic's winning goal in extra time.

BELOW: Two minute from normal time and the hearts of Celtic fans are in their mouths as Rangers' Colin Jackson powers in a header towards goal. But Celtic keeper Peter Latchford is already on his way to saving the ball and it was scrambled away for a corner.



TERRACE TALK

— the letters' page with something to say

Greaves — Bolton were right

IT'S disgraceful that Bolton have been so vehemently attacked for sacking Ian Greaves. Up to his departure they'd won only a couple of games all season.

But when Stan Anderson was brought in the tide turned and famous victories were scored over Nottingham Forest and Spurs. The decision to sack Greaves has been proved to be thoroughly justified and the Bolton directors should be congratulated for making such a brave decision.

James Bromet, Daventry, Northants.

Where the blame lies

IT'S disgusting the way some supporters call for their managers to be sacked. Just because their teams are going through a bad patch they have to blame somebody — either the manager or a certain player. But the supporters should also be blamed for disrupting the team.

Matthew West (11), Yateley, Surrey.

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— the letters' page with something to say

Buxton is the tops

AS A Huddersfield fan I'm annoyed that Mick Buxton hasn't won a manager of the month award all season. Town have been in the top four of the Fourth Division all season and are the top scorers in the country.

Gina Stables, Huddersfield.

Forget the new strip!

HERE WE are on the verge of probably England's most important games at international level since 1966 and all people are concerned with is the pattern on the shirts. For heaven's sake it's the players inside the shirts that matter.

M. Campbell, Cambridge.

YOU CAN'T SUCCESS



John Hollins — a bargain for Arsenal at £75,000.

PROMOTED SIDES WILL STRUGGLE

I THINK the three sides that achieve promotion from the Second Division will struggle next season. They will need to buy proven First Division players if they're to survive. The team that stands the most chance of staying up are Birmingham.

P. Myers, Gateshead

SURELY there is a moral to be found in these days of ever-increasing transfer fees. Everton, West Brom and Manchester City all spent heavily this season but have struggled near the foot of Division One.

Arsenal, in comparison, have spent just £75,000 on John Hollins — but have challenged all season for the League, reached the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup, had a marvellous run in the FA Cup and reached the quarter finals of the League Cup.

Surely the moral is: "Money can't buy success."

Kevin Lyons (16), Farnborough, Hants.

You show them, Andy

I'M FED up with the way Scottish soccer critics are carrying on about Andy Ritchie of Morton saying he's "a load of rubbish".

Andy has a lot of talent but, unfortunately for him, is going through a bad spell. I just hope Andy makes those critics eat their words.

John Wright (11), Kingsbarns, Fife.

No chance Italy!

I DON'T agree with those people tipping Italy to win the European Championship. In my opinion those savage, brutal, physical Italians have no chance.

For a start they won't be able to field a team because half of them are in prison over the bribes scandal. Even teams like Greece have nothing to fear from them and England, in my opinion, are invincible.

Mark Edwards, Rotherham.

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Derby's Alan Biley — applauded for his sportsmanship at Anfield.

Let's see more sportsmanship

DURING recent games at Anfield Garth Crooks, of Stoke, and Derby's Alan Biley have stood out not because they had a good game, but because both retrieved the ball when caught offside. We should see more of this attitude in football.
Denis Hawkins (16), Wigan.

Let's have play-offs

IT WOULD be a good idea if there were third and fourth place play-offs in the FA Cup and League Cup. It would mean we could see the best losing semi-finalist and it would give the teams something to play for after missing out on Wembley. The games should be played on neutral grounds.
R. Lewis, Liphook, Hants.

Division Two reminder

I'M FULL of admiration for Ron Greenwood, but apart from Trevor Brooking he never names anybody from Division Two.

My team from the Second Division would be: Parkes, Money, Dennis, Bonds (capt), Gallagher, May, Ainscow, Devonshire, Blissett, Brooking and Moss.

Chris Marriott (16), Solihull.

Some sort of record?

MY CLUB Glentoran must hold some sort of record. Since the War they've produced no less than four players who have later managed their international teams.

Peter Doherty, Bertie Peacock, Danny Blanchflower and Billy Bingham all started their careers with Glentoran and then went on to manage their country.

Thomas McKee, Belfast.

OUTRAGED!

WELCOME to *Outraged* — the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from **MATCH WEEKLY** readers — and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further — and win £2 in the process — by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to **MATCH WEEKLY**. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.



Argentina — enough said!

I'M sick and tired of supposedly knowledgeable football fans still discussing Scotland's disastrous World Cup campaign of 1978. It is completely unnecessary as it was far from a disaster.

True enough Scotland failed in some areas, the Willie Johnston drugs episode for instance, but they did beat Holland in 90 minutes — a feat Argentina could not do. Where were England, N. Ireland, Wales and Eire?

Edmund Acheson, Newry, N. Ireland.

• I'll tell you where the other Home Countries were — back home laughing at Scotland's debacle. The only reason fans still talk about it is because Scotland never stopped talking about it before Argentina — and how they were going to return home with the trophy.

Don't make me laugh

YOU made me laugh when you said Ipswich could have beaten Manchester United 8-0. It was lucky that they won 6-0. Ipswich couldn't even beat Liverpool or score a penalty past Manchester United. You don't know what you're talking about.

John Powell, Small Heath, Birmingham.

• You make me laugh pal. Ipswich got a draw at Anfield this season — which is more than United did. And have you forgotten Mickey Thomas' missed penalty against Ipswich earlier in the season at Old Trafford — I certainly haven't.

Scots make me sick

I'M SICK to the teeth of Scottish players and fans complaining that English football is not all it's built up to be and that Scottish football is far superior. Up to now I've been generous and regarded this as 'over-patriotism', but now I can only attribute these opinions to total stupidity.

I have one message for these argumentative Scots — wait until England win the European Championships, the Home Internationals and qualify for the World Cup finals in '82, a competition in which Scotland will inevitably fail to qualify for again.

Martin Tyler, Bucks.

• What a smashing letter Martin. The only part which outrages me is that you declined to mention England will win the World Cup in Spain.

Give them a chance

THERE's been a lot of discussion in recent months of the outstanding skills of Ardiles, Muhren, Villa and Borota and the many other foreign players in our League. Exceptional players they might be but surely it is our national teams who will pay in the long run.

We should give our young players the chance to show what they can do.

John Clayton, Plumstead, London.

• I can't agree with you there. Our youngsters will become better players for playing with and against these marvellous imports.

HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 9 and 14 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 8 — keep practising and reading **MATCH WEEKLY** EVERY WEEK.

1. For which North American soccer club will George Best play this summer?
2. Which team defeated Celtic 5-1 in a Scottish Premier League game in April?
3. Which Division Three manager put his entire team up for transfer in April 1980?
4. Which player was sent off in the semi-final of this year's F.A. Cup?
5. Who is the manager of the England Under-21 team?
6. With which club did Terry McDermott begin his League career?
7. From which non-League club did Newcastle sign Alan Shoulder?
8. Name the managers of the following clubs: (a) Swindon Town, (b) Oxford, (c) St Mirren.
9. Name the footballer who played in the 1980 Football



If you know from which non-league club Newcastle United signed Alan Shoulder, you have the answer to question seven.

THERE are prizes galore on this week's HALF TIME page. In addition to the souvenir medals and five pendants being offered in the Spot the Difference competition (right), we are offering five more leather footballs in the crossword competition. Why not have a go? The questions are easy and the prizes are absolutely FREE — so you've got nothing to lose.

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ACROSS

1. Man United's Mr Fearless. (3, 6)
4. Just one point for this.
6. Notts County's midfield general.
8. Elton's men.
10. Villa Park Gordon.
12. Supporter.
14. See 13 down.
15. Roy of the (Bristol) Rovers.
18. Stoke City regular.
19. A reminder of a nasty tackle?
20. Get O'Tease into Everton strip. (anagram)
21. Is he Forest's jammiest player?
23. Spectators' enclosures.
25. Royalty at Wednesday and Everton?
26. Convert Reg Dors into a Bristol City defender. (anagram)

DOWN

1. Anfield midfielder. (5, 4)
2. Villa Park box. (3, 8)
3. Phil of Liverpool and England.
4. Not a win or draw.
5. Scots team known as The Honest Men.
7. Bournemouth manager, formerly boss at Fulham, QPR, etc.
9. One-time West Ham keeper, now with Orient.
11. Brighton regular gained from Blackpool on a free transfer.
12. What a professional player has to be.
13. (and 14 across) They've won the F.A. cup six times! (9, 6)
16. Swansea's player-manager.
17. Forest's clever Trevor.
22. Bolton dynamo.
23. David Fairclough is a super one.
24. Home of Millwall's Lions.

WIN A SOUVENIR

League Cup Final who was born in West Germany?

10. Which team did Leeds defeat 16-0 on aggregate in a European Cup tie?
11. Which footballer played against Liverpool in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final and for them in the 1977 F.A. Cup Final?
12. Which team won the 1980 Anglo-Scottish Cup?
13. Name the Arsenal substitute whose goal in Turin took them into the final of the 1980 European Cup Winners' Cup?
14. Who scored both of West Ham's goals in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final?
15. Name the only club apart from Rangers and Celtic to have won the Scottish F.A. Cup on two occasions since 1960?

You can find the answers to our competitions on page 39.

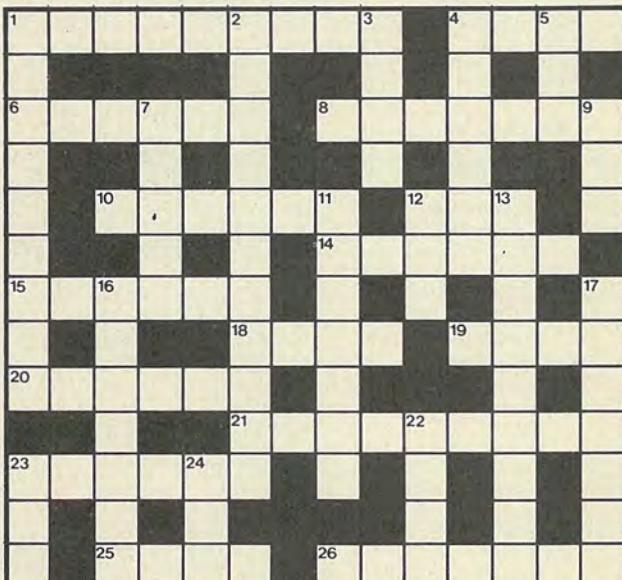
SCORE SIX

Using only letters that appear in the name.

MIKE CHANNON

can you find the six soccer words indicated by these clues?

1. Mike Channon returned to The Dell from ---- Road.
2. Palace stopper.
3. What Bert Trautmann broke in the 1956 FA Cup Final.
4. Walsall international, formerly with Portsmouth and Derby.
5. Mel --- (ex Gillingham, Bournemouth and Norwich).
6. Striker Leeds bought from Burnley.



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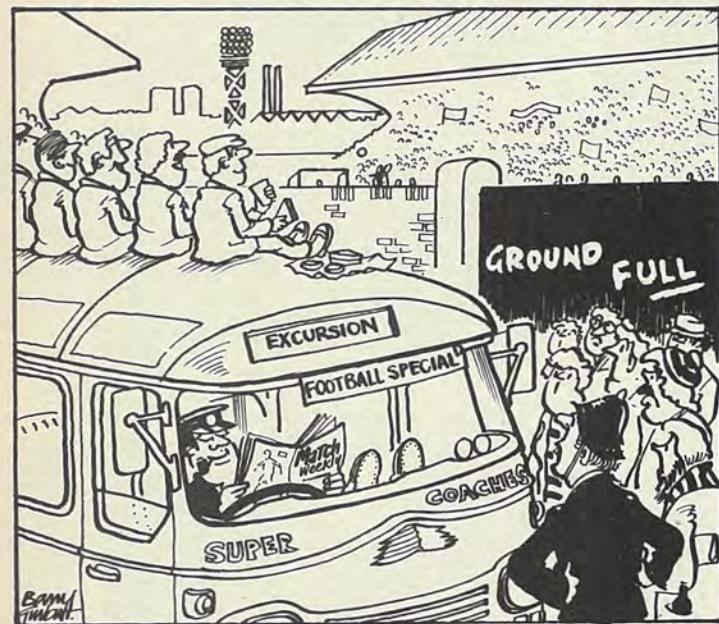
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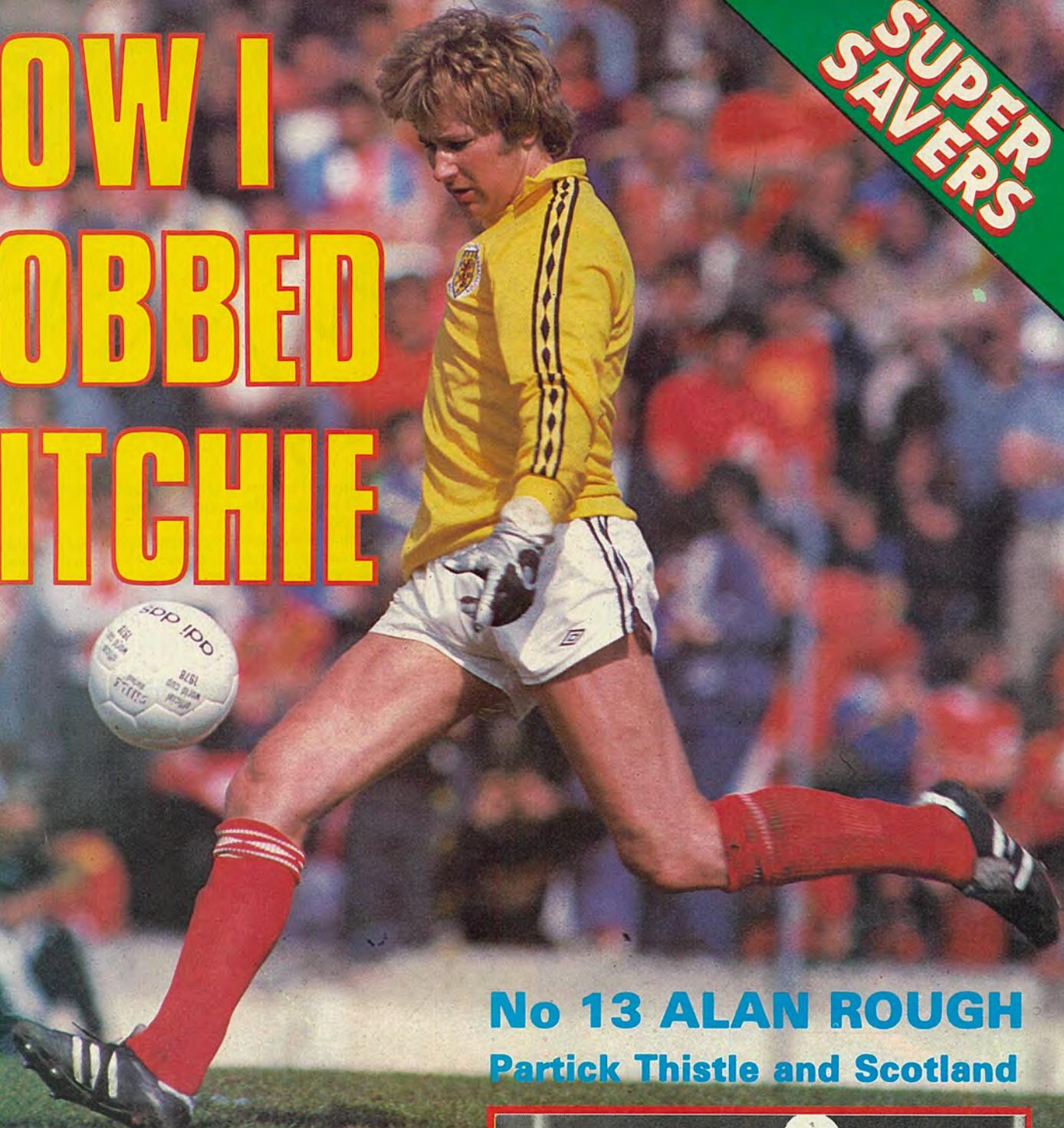
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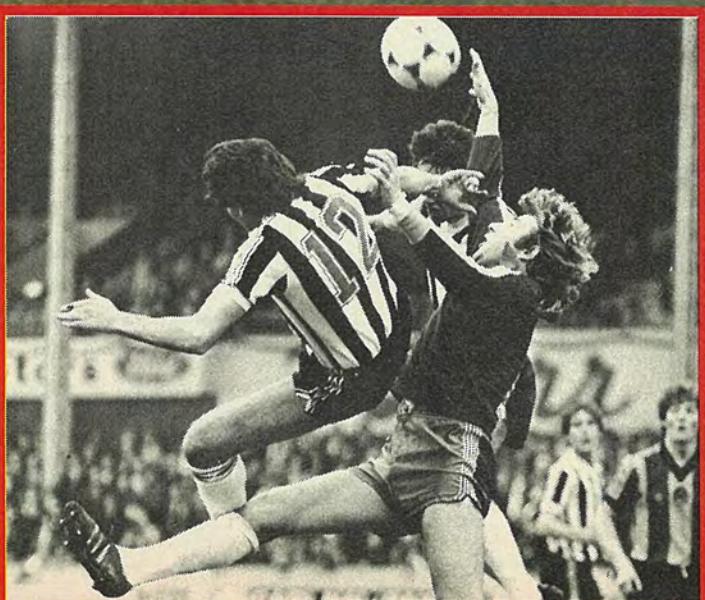
CLUB APPEARANCES: 500

INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES: 31 Full, 9 Under-23 caps

"I DON'T have to cast my mind back far to remember my best save for Partick. It was on April 2 against Morton and Andy Ritchie bent a free-kick from 20 yards out round the wall to my left — as I was looking for it by my right hand post. I threw myself across the goal to tip it over as it headed for the angle of post and crossbar.

The one I remember for Scotland helped take us to the World Cup finals. It was 0-0 in the qualifier against Wales at Liverpool when John Toshack hit a lob volley and, falling backwards, I managed to tip it over. Shortly after we hit back to score two and make it to Argentina."

RIGHT: Alan Rough shows courage and determination as he comes to Partick's rescue again — this time in a League game against St. Mirren.



GOLDEN GOALS

TAKE THAT!



Take that! Terry Curran taunts the United fans after scoring his wonder goal.

Terry Curran

(Sheff Wed.) v Sheff Utd. at Bramhall Lane, April 5, 1980.

MODESTY is not the greatest gift of down-to-earth Yorkshireman Terry Curran — but goalscoring is!

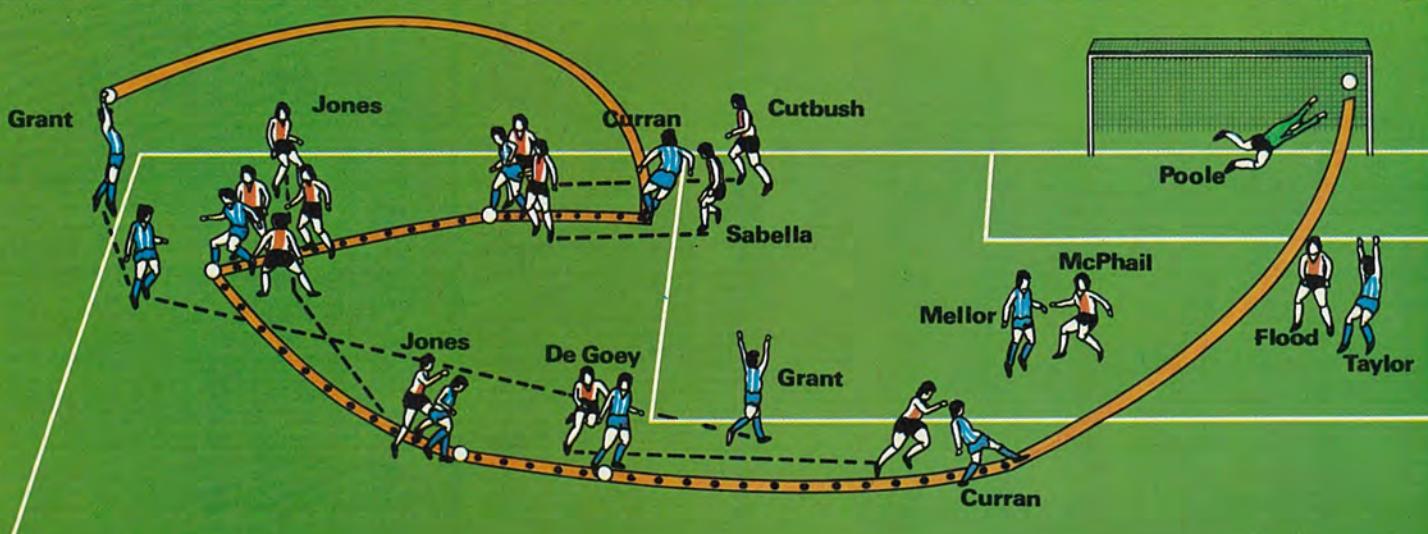
At Wednesday they love him — at Sheffield United he's the man they love to hate for his arrogant skills which he underlined with this brilliant solo effort in the Division Three derby clash.

"It was not only the best goal I've scored, but the best I've seen scored," Terry told MATCH.

"I got the ball on the by-line from David Grant's throw with two defenders on my back. They tried to keep me wide but my first thought was to try and get a penalty. I knew that if I got into the box they daren't touch me.

"I was driven wider and wider, but as I came round in an arc my speed took me past them and as soon as I got a sight of goal I whacked it from about 25 yards out. I knew I'd caught it right and their keeper said afterwards he thought I'd got thunderbolts in my boots!"

After a career which as taken him to Doncaster, Forest, Bury, Derby and Southampton, this is by far Curran's best season with more than 25 goals to his name.



Player ratings

10 — Out of this world
 9 — Outstanding
 8 — Excellent
 7 — Good
 6 — Adequate
 5 — Off form
 4 — Poor

Match rating

★★★★★ A classic
 ★★★★★ Good value
 ★★★ Satisfactory
 ★★ Dull
 ★ Waste of money

Wednesday, April 30

Division Two

ORIENT (0) 0
 SWANSEA (0) 0
 Att: 3,779
 Orient: Day 6, Fisher 6, ★ROFFEY 7, Taylor 5, Gray 5, Hughton 6, Chedzio 6, Moores 6, Mayo 5 (sub. Jennings 5), Parsons 6, Coates 6, Swansea: Stewart 6, Robinson 6, Rushbury 5, Charles 6, Stevenson 6, Phillips 6, ★MAHONEY 7, Attley 6, Toshack 5, Giles 6, Callaghan 6. Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent) Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 0
 GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (White 52, Crabb 79)
 Att: 2,027
 Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 7, Walker 5, ★STORTON 8, Cottam 5, Jeffries 5, Sutcliffe 5, Fear 6, Henderson 5, Phillips, R 6, Phillips, T 5 (sub. Burns 6).
 Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Overton 6, Bruce 7, Weatherly 6, Crabbe 7, ★WHITE 8, Duncan 6, Richardson 6, Jolley 7, Adams 7. Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey) Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

WIGAN (0) 0
 DONCASTER (0) 0
 Att: 4,740
 Wigan: Brown 6 (sub. Corrigan 6), Fretwell 6, Whittle 7, Gore 6, ★METHVEN 8, Davies 7, Quinn 6, Wright 6, Houghton 6, Shearer 6, Urquhart 6.
 Doncaster: ★BOYD 8, Russell 6, Snodin, G 6, Snodin, I 6, Bradley 7, Dowd 6, Pugh 7, Nimmo 6, Mell 6 (sub. Lewis), Little 6, Flanagan 6. Referee: D. Owen (Wirral) Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

DUNDEE (0) 0
 CELTIC (0) 2 (Conroy 65, Sullivan 90)
 Att: 10,200
 Dundee: Donaldson 7, Barr 7, Schaefer 6, Millar 7, Glennie 6, McGeachie 6, Mackie 7, Sinclair 6, ★FLEMING 8, Shirra 6, Ferguson 5. Celtic: Latchford 6, McGrain 7,

MacLeod 6, ★AITKEN 8, McAdam 6, Conroy 7, Provan 7, Sullivan 6, McCluskey 7, Burns 6, McGarvey 5. Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Glasgow) Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald, J 9)

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

Att: 8,000

Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, Smith 6, Forsyth 6 (sub. Johnstone 7), Stevens 7, McLean 7, Russell 7, ★COOPER 8, Redford 7, MacDonald, J 7. Kilmarnock: ★McCULLOCH 8, Welsh 7, Robertson 7, Clark 6, Clarke 7, McDicken 7, Houston 6, McLean 6, Carney 6, Cramond 6, Street 6. Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow) Match Rating: ★★

Division One

HEARTS (0) 1 (Liddell 87)

AIRDRIE (0) 0

Att: 13,229

Thursday, May 1

FA Cup, Semi-Final, Third Replay

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Talbot 12)

LIVERPOOL (0) 0

Att: 35,335

At Highfield Road, Coventry

Arsenal: Jennings 8, Rice 8, Devine 6, Talbot 8, ★YOUNG 9, O'Leary 8, Brady 7, Price 7, Sunderland 7, Stapleton 7, Rix 6. Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 6, Cohen 6, Thompson 7, Hansen 6, Kennedy, R 6, Lee 7, McDermott 6, ★SOUNESS 8, Dalglish 7, Johnson 7 (sub. Fairclough 6). Referee: P. Partridge (Co. Durham) Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

MORTON (0) 0

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0

Att: 3,000

Morton: ★BAINES 8, Miller 6, Holmes 6, McLaren 5, McLaughlin 6, Craig 5 (sub. McNeil 5), Rooney 7, Orr 6, Thomson 6, Hutchison 5 (sub. Scott 6), Ritchie 5. Dundee Utd: Graham 6, Kirkwood 7, Phillip 6, Addison 6, Stark 5, Narey 5, ★BANNON 8, Milne 6, Pettigrew 5, Holt 6, Dodd 7. Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock) Match Rating: ★

Friday, May 2

Division Three

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Packer 36, Rowles 47, 59)

OXFORD (0) 0

Att: 2,535

Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Packer 7, ★LESLIE 8, Wright 6, Wignall 7, Harvey 6 (sub. Hodge), Rowles 7, Foley, S 6, Lee 7, Cotton 6. Oxford: Brown 6, Bodel 5, Fogg 6, Briggs 6, Cooke 5, ★JEFFREY 8, McGrogan 6 (sub. Brock 6), Taylor 6, Berry 6, Foley, P 7, Hodgson 5. Referee: D. Richardson (Lincoln) Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Hilditch 67, Jones 85)

TRANMERE (0) 0

Att: 1,082

Rochdale: Felgate 7, Hart 7, Cliff 6, Milligan 6 (sub. Taylor 7), Weir 7, Jones 6, ★O'LOUGHLIN 8, Hilditch 6, Seal 6, Wann 7. Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mungall 6, Mathias 6, Bramhall 6, ★PARRY 8, Evans 6, Kelly 6, O'Neill 6, Williams 5, Beamish 6, Griffiths 7 (sub. Peplow). Referee: M. Peck (Doncaster) Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (3) 4 (Prudham 15, 37, 75, Booth 30)

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Kennedy 84)

Att: 1,979

Stockport: Lawson 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7, Thorpe 6, Sword 6, Uzelac 6, Williams 6, Bradd 6, ★PRUDHAM 8, Galvin 7, Booth 7. Halifax: Kilner 5, Dunleavy 6, Hudd 6, Evans 6, Harris 7, Goodman 6, Firth 6, ★KENNEDY 8, Allatt 6, Burke 6 (sub. Stafford 6), Smith 6. Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle) Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, May 3

Division One

BOLTON (0) 0

WOLVES (0) 0

Att: 11,710

Bolton: McDonagh 6, Graham 6, Nicholson 7, Cantello 6, Allardyce 6 (sub. Hogan), Walsh 7, Nowak 6, Whatmore 5, Carter 5, ★WILSON 8, Bennett 6. Wolves: Kearns 6, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, ★DANIEL 8, Hughes 6, Brazier 7, Hibbitt 7, Carr 6, Gray 6, Richards 7, Eves 7. Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham) Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 0

EVERTON (0) 0

Att: 21,243

Brighton: Moseley 7, Gregory 6, Williams 6, Horton 7 (sub. Sayer), ★FOSTER 9, Sudaby 8, McNab 7, Ward 6, Clarke 6, Lawrenson 6, Ryan 6. Everton: ★WOODS 9, Gidman 6, Bailey 7, Wright 6, Lyons 6, Ross 6, Eastoe 5, Stanley 6, Latchford 6 (sub. Sharp 6), Hartford 7, McBride 7. Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough) Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (0) 0

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Vaessen 87)

Att: 16,817

Coventry: Blyth 7, Coop 7, Jacobs 7, ★HUNT 8, Dyson 6, Gillespie 7, Van Gool 6, Wallace 7, Thompson 7, Gooding 6, Bannister 6. Arsenal: ★BARRON 8, Rice 7, Nelson 7, Talbot 7, Walford 6, Young 7, Gatting 6, Sunderland 7, Vaessen 7, Price 6 (sub. Davis 5), Hollins 7. Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath) Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (1) 2 (Parlane 14, Hird, pen 76)

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

Att: 36,625

Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 7, Cherry 7, Flynn 7, ★GREENHOFF, B 9, Madeley 8, Harris 8, Chandler 7, Parlane 8, Stevenson 7, Graham 7. Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 6, Alibiston 7, McIroy 7, McQueen 6, Buchan 6 (sub. Ritchie 6), ★COPPELL 8, Greenhoff, J 6, Jordan 6, Macari 7.

Thomas 7.

Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)

Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Johnson 3, 73,

Cohen 51, Kennedy, R 78)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Cohen, og 26)

Att: 51,541

Liverpool: Clemence 6, Neal 6, Cohen 6, Thompson 7, Kennedy, R 7,

Hansen 7, Dalglish 6, ★LEE 9, Johnson 8, McDermott 6, Souness 7.

Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, ★SWAIN 8, Gibson 7, Blake 7, Ormsby 7, Heard 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 6, Geddis 7,

Cowans 6, Linton 7 (sub. Morley).

Referee: T. Morris (Leeds)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (2) 2 (Reeves 3, Henry 12)

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Hunter 6)

Att: 31,648

Man City: ★CORRIGAN 8, Reid 7, Power 7, Futcher 6, Caton 6, Henry 7 (sub. Bennett 6), McKenzie 7, Daley 7, Deyna 6, Sugrue 6, Reeves 7.

Ipswich: Cooper 6, ★BURLEY 8,

Mills 7, Thijssen 7, Hunter 7, Osman 6, Wark 6 (sub. McCall 6), Muhran 7, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, Gates 7.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)

Match Rating: ★★★★

NORWICH (1) 4 (Robson 29, Fashanu 58, Paddon 60, Woods 64)

DERBY (0) 2 (McCaffrey 59,

Swindlehurst 70)

Att: 16,194

Norwich: Habsbury 7, Bond 7, Jones 6, McDowell 6, Symonds 7, Barham 7, ★PETERS 8, Paddon 7, Woods 7, Fashanu 7, Robson 6.

Derby: Cherry 7, Langan 6, McFarland 7 (sub. Richards 6), McCaffrey 7, Buckley 6, Daly 6, Powell 7, Osgood 6, ★BILEY 9, Swindlehurst 7, Wilson 8.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)

Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3) 4 (Francis 10, 24, Lloyd 33, Robertson 74)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0

Att: 24,529

Nottingham Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gray 6 (sub. Mills 6), McGovern 6, Lloyd 8, Burns 7, O'Neill 7, Bowles 7, Birtles 7, ★FRANCIS 9, Robertson 8.

Crystal Palace: Burridge 7, Hinschelwood 5, Sansom 5, Nicholas 6, Cannon 6, Gilbert 7, Murphy 7, Francis 5, Walsh 6, Flanagan 6, ★HILAIRE 8.

Referee: P. Willis (Co. Durham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Waldran 22, pen 77, Channon 31, Hayes 85)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Ramage 83)

Att: 18,476

Southampton: Wells 7, Golac 7, Waldran 7, Williams 7, Watson 7, Nicholl 7, Hebbard 6, Boyer 6, ★CHANNON 8, Holmes 7, Hayes 7.

Middlesbrough: Stewart 6, Crags 6, Bailey 6, Hedley 5, Ramage 6, McAndrew 5, Jankovic 5 (sub. Johnston 5), Proctor 6, Hodgson 6, Burns 5, ★ARMSTRONG 7.

Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 0

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

Att: 23,585

Spurs: Daines 6, Miller 6, Hughton 7, Hazard 7, McAllister 6, Perryman 7, Ardiles 7, Jones 6, Falco 6,

★HODDLE 8, Galvin 7.

Bristol City: Shaw 6, Sweeney 6,

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Whitehead 6, **GOW** 8, Hay 6, Merrick 6, Fitzpatrick 6 (sub. Gillies 6), Ritchie 6, Royle 7, Mabbett 6, Mann 6.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

WBA (0) 0
STOKE (0) 1 (Heath 57)
Att: 18,470
WBA: Godden 6, **BATSON** 7, Cowdrill 6, Moses 6, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Trewick 5, Monaghan 6, Regis 5, Owen 5, Barnes 5.
Stoke: Fox 6, Evans 6, Johnson, P 6, **JOHNSON**, P. A. 8, Smith 7, Dodd 7, Ursen 6, Bracewell 6, O'Callaghan 6, Crooks 6, Heath 7.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★

Saturday, May 3

Division Two

BIRMINGHAM (3) 3 (Bertschin 18, Curbishley 25, Dillon 43)
NOTTS COUNTY (2) 3 (Mair 36, Christie 39, Kilcline 73)
Att: 33,863
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Broadhurst 5, Lees 5, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 5, **TODD** 8, Ainscow 5, Givens 6, Bertschin 6, Gemmill 6, Dillon 7.
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Richards 5, O'Brien 6, Benjamin 5, Stubbs 7, **KILCLINE** 8, McCulloch 5, Masson 6, Christie 6, Hunt 5 (sub. Hooks 6), Mair 6.
Referee: K. E. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 2 (Devonshire 60, Cross 70)
Att: 9,824
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Bater 6, **COOPER** 8, Hughes 6 (sub. Williams 6), Mabbett 7, Griffiths 7, Barrowclough 5, Pulis 5, Penny 6, Bates 7, Barrett 6.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Lampard 7, Stewart 7, Bonds 6, Martin 7, **DEVONSHIRE** 9, Allen 6, Morgan 7, Cross 7, Pike 6, Neighbour 7.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 (Spriggs 36, Reilly 38, Christie 73)
PRESTON (2) 2 (Elliott 6, Elwiss 29)
Att: 5,395
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Smith 6, Murray 7, Fallon 6, Gibbins 6, Steete 6, **SPRIGGS** 8, Reilly 7, Finney 7, Christie 6.
Preston: Tunks 7, Cameron 6, McAteer 6, Burns 6, **BAXTER** 8, Blackley 6, Bell 6, Coleman 6, Elliott 7, Elwiss 7, McGee 5 (sub. Bruce 6).
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop 55)
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Robson 62)
Att: 19,340
Cardiff: Grotier 8, Grapes 6, Lewis 6, Campbell 6, Pontin 8, Thomas 8, Elliott 5, Bishop 7, Moore 7, **RONSON** 9, Harris 6.
Sunderland: Turner 8, Whitworth 6, Hinnigan 6, Clarke 6 (sub. Dunn 6), Hindmarsh 6, Elliott 7, Arnott 7, Buckley 8, Brown 7, Robson 7, **CUMMINS** 9.
Referee: B. Newsome (Boseley, Salop)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson 42)
SWANSEA (0) 2 (James 48, Giles 87)
Att: 3,672

Charlton: Johns 7, Hazell 7, **DICKENSON** 8, Tydeman 7, Berry 6, Shaw 7, Smith 6, Wilson 6 (sub. Powell 6), Walsh 7, Walker 6, Robinson 7.
Swansea: Stewart 7, Robinson 6, Rushbury 6, Charles 7, Stevenson 7, Phillips 6, **GILES** 8, Attley 7, Waddle 6 (sub. James 8), Mahoney 7, Callaghan 7.
Referee: R. D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (2) 3 (Fillery 5, Walker 37, 77)
OLDHAM (0) 0
Att: 28,253
Chelsea: Borota 7, Chivers 7, Rose 7, Bumstead 6 (sub. Droy 6), Pates 7, Nutton 7, Britton 8, Fillery 7, Langley 7, **WALKER** 9, Harris 8.
Oldham: McDonnell 7, Hoolickin 6, Holt 6, **KOWENICKI** 8, Clements 7, Blair 7, Heaton 6, Keegan 6, Steel 6, Stainrod 6, Atkinson 6.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Shoulder 4, Withe 62)
LUTON (2) 2 (Hatton 15, 24)
Att: 13,792
Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 6, **DAVIES** 8, Cartwright 7, Boam 7, Barton 7, Rafferty 6, Ferguson 6, Withe 6, Hibbit 7, Shoulder 7.
Luton: Judge 7, Stephens 6, Donaghy 6, Greasham 8, Saxby 6, Price 6, Aizlewood 6, West 7, Stein 7, **HATTON** 9, Moss 6.
Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★

ORIENT (0) 0
LEICESTER (1) 1 (May 13)
Att: 13,828
Orient: Day 6, Fisher 7, Roffey 6, Taylor 6, Gray 6 (sub. Moores 6), Hughton 6, Chiedozie 6, Jennings 7, **MAYO** 8, Parsons 6, Coates 6.
Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 6, Scott 6, Kelly 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Byrne 7, Goodwin 6, Young 7, Wilson 7, **SMITH** 8.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHREWSBURY (2) 5 (Biggins 21, Keay, pen 36, Dungworth 55, Banton, og 75, King 77)
FULHAM (0) 2 (Kitchen 73, Mahoney 90)
Att: 6,328
Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, King 7, Leonard 6, Coyne 7, Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 6, Atkins 6, **BIGGINS** 8, Dungworth 7, Maguire 7.
Fulham: Digweed 6, Peters 5 (sub. Greenaway 5), Strong 6, Lock 6, Banton 5, Gale 6, O'Driscoll 5, Beck 6, Kitchen 6, Mahoney 6, **LEWINGTON** 7.
Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (4) 4 (Pritchett 29, 40, Sims 38, Rostron 45)
BURNLEY (0) 0

Att: 11,912
Watford: Sherwood 7, Henderson 6, Jackett 6, Bolton 7 (sub. Blissett 5), Terry 7, Sims 7, **CALLAGHAN** 8, Poskett 7, Rostron 7, Train 7, Pritchett 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, McAdam 6, Scott 6, Thomson 5 (sub. Young 6), Rodaway 5, Cavener 6, **ROBERTSON** 7, Hamilton 6, Jakub 5, Ingham 6.
Referee: T. Bune (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Vinter 17)
QPR (1) 3 (Currie 23, Hazell 57, Allen, pen 66)

Att: 6,268
Wrexham: **NIEDZWIECKI** 9, Hill 5 (sub. Buxton 6), Whittle 6, Jones, F 7, Roberts 6, Williams 6, Vinter 6, Arkwright 5, Fox 5, McNeil 8, Carrodus 8.
QPR: Woods 7, Rogers 7, Gillard 7, McCreery 8 (sub. Neal 7), Wicks 8, Roeder 8, Hazell 8, Hill 7, Allen 7, Currie 7, **BURKE** 9.
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Funnell 78)
MILLWALL (0) 0
Att: 6,985
Brentford: Bond 7, Fraser 5, Tucker 6, **SALMAN** 9, Kruse 6, Shrub 7, Walker 8, Carlton 7, Holmes 5 (sub. Phillips), Smith 5, Funnell 8.
Millwall: **JACKSON** 9, Sittin 5, Gregory 7, Chatterton 6, Tagg 6, Blyth 6, Sweetzer 7 (sub. Dibble), Kinsella 6, McKenna 6, Lyons 6, Coleman 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Sims 5)
Att: 4,020
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Overton 7, **BRUCE** 8, Weatherly 6, Crabbe 6, White 6, Duncan 6 (sub. Walker), Richardson 7, Jolley 6, Adams 6.
Plymouth: Crudgington 7, **JAMES** 9, Harrison 7, Randell 7, Forster 8, Phillipson-Masters 8, Trusson 7, Kemp 7, Sims 7, Hodges 8, Johnson 7.
Referee: H. R. Robinson (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (3) 4 (Drinkell 18, 41, 57, Waters 33)
 SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
Att: 19,276
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6, Moore, K 7, Waters 7, Wigginton 7, Crombie 7, Broly 7, Ford 6, **DRINKELL** 9, Mitchell 7 (sub. Stone 6), Cummins 6.
Sheff Utd: Poole 6, Cutbush 6, Moore, T 7, Kenworthy 6, Tibbott 6, Sabella 7, **MATTHEWS** 8, Speight 6, De Goey 7 (sub. Giles 7), Wigan 7, Brown 6.
Referee: T. Farley (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Garner 86)
BURY (1) 2 (Johnson 16, 60)
Att: 15,741
Blackburn: Butcher 7, Rathbone 7, Branagan 7, Kendall 7, Keeley 8, Fazackerley 7, Brotherston 7, Crawford 7, Garner 7, McKenzie 6, **PARKES** 9, McIlwraith 7.
Bury: Forrest 8, Bradley 7, Howard 7, Waddington 8, Lugg 8, **WHITEHEAD** 9, Howard 7, Johnson 8, Mullen 7, Madden 7, Howard 7.
Referee: A. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
CHESTER (0) 0
Att: 5,925
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Gardner 7, Pashley 6, Noble 6, **McEWAN** 8, Ashurst 7, Morris 5, MacDougall 5, Fletcher 7, Weston 5, Harrison 5.
Chester: Millington 8, Raynor 7, Burns 7, **STORTON** 9, Cottam 7, Jeffries 6, Sutcliffe 7, Fear 6, Henderson 6, Phillips, T 6, Phillips, R 7.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Ridley 44, Tatt 63, Birch, pen 71)
EXETER (0) 0
Att: 5,770
Chesterfield: Tingay 7, Stirk 7, O'Neill 7, **RIDLEY** 8, Hunter 6, Bonnyman 7, Birch 7, Moss 6, Tatt 7, Salmon 6, Walker 5.
Exeter: **MAIN** 9, Mitchell 6, Hatch 5, Hore 6, Giles 6, Roberts 6, Neville 6, Rogers 5, Kellow 6, Delve 7, Pullar 5.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 1 (Edwards 52)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
Att: 3,823
Hull: Norman 7, **NISBET** 8, Haigh 7, Croft 5, Roberts, D 5, Moss 7, Roberts, G 6, Horswill 7, Edwards 6, Deacy 6, Norrie 5 (sub. Tait).
Southend: Cawston 7, Moody 7, Dudley 5, Stead 7, Hadley 7, Cusack 6, Gray 5 (sub. Polycarpou 6), Pountney 5, **SPENCE** 8, Mercer 5, Oulakowski 7.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Gooding 89)
READING (1) 1 (Kearney 26)
Att: 3,061
Rotherham: Brown 6, Forrest 6, Taylor 6, Rhodes 5, Stancliffe 5, **GREEN** 7, Gooding 6, McEwan 5, Winn 6, Fern 6 (sub. Halom 6), Henson 6.
Reading: Death 6, Joslyn 6, White 6, Bowman 7, **HETZKE** 8, Wood 6, Earles 6, Kearney 7, Kearns 6, Heale 6, Sanchez 7.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 0
Att: 32,734
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 7, Grant 8, Smith 7, Pickering 8, King 7, Taylor 6, Johnson 7, Mellor 6, **McCULLOCH** 9, Curran 8.
Carlisle: **SWINBURNE** 9, Hoolickin 8, McCartney 8, Parker 7, Ludlam 8, MacDonald 7, Collins 6, Houghton 6, Bannon 6 (sub. Winstanley 7), Hamilton 6, Beardsley 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 0
BARNESLEY (1) 1 (Riley 21)
Att: 8,286
Swindon: Allan 6, Templeman 5, Ford 6, Cockerill 7, **LEWIS** 8, Carter 6, Abley 6 (sub. Miller 6), Kamara 7, Rowland 6, Mayes 5, Williams 7.
Barnsley: Pierce 6, Cooper 6, Chambers 5, Hunter 6, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Evans 7, **PARKER** 8, Riley 7 (sub. Campbell), Lester 7, Downes 5.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmer)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Galliers 24, Cunningham 78, Cork 46)
MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Taylor 66, Pollard 89)
Att: 2,149
Wimbledon: Goddard 7, Armstrong 7, Jones 7, **GALLIERS** 8, Bowgett 7, Cunningham 7, Ketteridge 6, Downes 7, Dziadulewicz 6 (sub. Klug), Cork 7, Denny 6.
Mansfield: Arnold 7, McJannet 6, Foster 7, Bird 6, McClelland 7, **BURROWS** 8, Pollard 7, Taylor 6, Austin 6, Mann 7, Hamilton 7 (sub. Allen 7).
Referee: R. C. Challis (Tonbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★★

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ALDERSHOT (0) 0
WIGAN (0) 3 (Corrigan 65, Shearer 73, 80)
 Att: 2,683
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Wooller 4, Briley 5, Bennett 4, Youlden 4, **★LUCAS 7**, Brodie 5, Garwood 5, Dixon 4, Sanford 6 (sub. Tomlin).
Wigan: Brown 6, Fretwell 6, Whittle 7, Gore 5 (sub. McMullen 6), Methven 7, Davids 6, Corrigan 8, Wright 7, **★HOUGHTON 10**, Shearer 9, Urquhart 7.
Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CREWE (0) 2 (Guy 52, Grobbelaar, pen 58)
YORK (0) 0
 Att: 2,651
Crewe: **★GROBBELAAR 9**, Williamson 7 (sub. Coyne 6), Bowers 7, Hunter 8, Scott 8, Prophett 7, McMahon 7, Guy 8, Davies 7, Palios 7, Nelson 7.
York: Taylor 7, Hood 6, Walsh 6, Ford 6, Faulkner 6 (sub. Pugh 6), Kay 6, Ferree 6, Harrison 7, Eccles 5, **★McDONALD 8**, McGhie 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Massey 70)
 Att: 1,813
Darlington: Barry 6, Nattress 6, Cochrane 6, Ball 5, Smith 6, Coleman 5, Crosson 5, Charlton 5, **★STALKER 8**, Hamilton 5, Walsh 7.
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Moore 6, Ferns 6, Impey 5, Townsend 7, Chambers 6, **★HOLDER 8**, Heffernan 7, Butler 7, Massey 7, Evanson 6.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Cunningham 85)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Pilling 15)
 Att: 2,099
Hereford: Hughes 6, Price 6, Burrows 6, **★SPIRING 8**, Marshall 6, Harvey 6, Cunningham 7, Gilchrist 5, Binney 5, Hunt 6, Bartley 5.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Peacock 7, Hall 7, Oates 7, **★DALL 8**, Deere 7, Pugh 6, Cammack 7 (sub. Cowling 6), Pilling 7, Partridge 6, Stewart 6.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Robins 47, 82)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Linacre 39)
 Att: 16,807
Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 7, Purdie 6, Stanton 6, Sutton 6 (sub. Cowling 6), Hanvey 7, Laverick 6, **★HART 8**, Kindon 6, Robins 7, Fletcher 7.
Hartlepool: Richardson 7, Brown 6, Vass 6, Hogan 7, Brookes 6, Ayre 6, Linacre 7, Fagan 7, Houchen 7, Harding 7, **★HAMPTON 8**.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cliss 55)
BRADFORD CITY (0) 0
 Att: 5,135
Peterborough: Waugh 6, McVay 6, Collins 6, Quow 7, **★PHILLIPS 8**, Foster 6, Gynn 6, Kellock 7, Cliss 7, Syrett 6, Robson 6.
Bradford: Smith 6, Podd 5, Wood 5 (sub. Dolan 6), Staniforth 7, **★BAINES 8**, Jackson 5, Chapman 6, Robertson 7, McNiven 6, Campbell 7, Jones 6.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Davey 43, Purdie 74)
 Att: 10,774
Northampton: Poole 7, Walker 6, **★SANDERCOCK 9**, Byatt 8, Gage 7, Denyer 7, Sargent 6, Sandy 6, Healey 5, Ingram 7, Farmer 6.
Portsmouth: Mellor 7, McLaughlin 7, Bryant 8, Brisley 7, **★ELLIS 9**, Davey 8, Hemmerman 6, Laidlaw 7, Perrin 6, Brown 6, Purdie 7.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★★

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Larmour, pen 61, Cox 65)
LINCOLN (2) 5 (Cunningham, pen 14, Hobson 36, 50, 79, Harford 53)
 Att: 2,146
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Pethard 5, Ritchie 5, Marmon 5 (sub. Levy 5), Wilson 6, Larmour 6, Coffill 6, Lawrence 5, **★COX 8**, Smith 5, Murphy 5.
Lincoln: Fox 6, Thompson 6, Keeley 6, Shipley 7, Peake 7, Carr 6, **★HOBSON 9**, Hughes 6, Harford 7, Cunningham 7, Turner 6.
Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PORT VALE (2) 3 (Jones 8, Griffiths 14, Bromage 68)
DONCASTER (0) 0
 Att: 2,338
Port Vale: Dance 6, Keenan 5, Griffiths 6, Elsey 6, Bowles 5, Sproson 6, Jones 6, Farrell 6, Bromage 6 (sub. Chamberlain 6), **★SEALY 7**, Beech 6.
Doncaster: **★BOYD 6**, Russell 5, Snodin, G 5, Snodin, I 5, Bradley 5, Dowd 5, Pugh 5, Nimmo 5, Mell 5, Harle 5 (sub. Lewis 5), Flanagan 5.
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (1) 2 (Buckley, pen 35, Penn 63)
NEWPORT (3) 4 (Aldridge 22, 23, Gwyther 38, Tynan 80)
 Att: 9,251
Walsall: Green 6, Macken 7, Mower 6, Sbragia 6, Serella 6, Williams 7, Penn 7 (sub. Rees 6), **★WADDINGTON 8**, McDonough 6, Buckley 7, Caswell 7.
Newport: Plumley 6, Walden 7, **★TYNAN 9**, Davies 7, Oakes 7, Bailey 7, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, Gwyther 8, Aldridge 8, Moore 8.
Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Rees (Walsall)

SCOTTISH Premier Division

HIBERNIAN (0) 0
ABERDEEN (2) 5 (Archibald 28, 67, Watson 29, McGhee 84, Scanlon 88)
 Att: 12,921
Hibs: Huggins 6, Brown 6, Duncan 6, **★PATERSON 7**, Stewart 6, Callachan 6, Murray 5, McNamara 5, Torrance 5, Brazil 5 (sub. Tearney 5), Cormack 5.
Aberdeen: Clark 6, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 6, Watson 7, McLeish 6, Miller 7, Stracher 6, Archibald 6, McGhee 6, **★McMASTER 8**, Scanlon 6.
Referee: B. R. McGinley (Balfron)
Match Rating: ★★★

PARTICK THISTLE (2) 4 (O'Hara 37, 44, McAdam 50, McDonald 70)
RANGERS (1) 3 (Russell 27, 88, Johnstone 83)
 Att: 15,000
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 7, Whittaker 7, Doyle 6, Campbell 7,

Anderson 7, **★PARK 8**, Melrose 7, McAdam 7, O'Hara 7, McDonald 6.
Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, Johnstone 7, Jackson 6, Stevens 6, McLean 7, Russell 8, Cooper 7, Redford 6, McDonald 5, J. 6.
Referee: I. M. D. Foote (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★

ST MIRREN (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 0
 Att: 24,700
St Mirren: Thomson 8, Young 7, Beckett 7, Munro 7, **★FULTON 9**, Copeland 8, Bowen 7, Stark 8, Somner 7, Abercrombie 6, Weir 7.
Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 6, McGrain 7, Aitken 6, McAdam 7, McLeod 7, **★PROVAN 8**, Conroy 6, McCluskey 7, Burns 7, McGarvey 6.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Monday, May 5

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 0
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att: 34,632
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 6, Nelson 6, Talbot 6, **★O'LEARY 8**, Young 6, Brady 7, Vaessen 7, Stapleton 6, Price 7, Rix 6.
Nottingham Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gray 6, McGovern 6, Lloyd 7, **★BURNS 8**, O'Neill 7, Bowyer 7, Birtles 7, Mills 7, Robertson 6.
Referee: B. T. C. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

WEST HAM (4) 4 (Pike 1, Morgan 13, Cross 22, Stewart, pen 44)
CHARLTON (0) 1 (Hales 85)
 Att: 19,314
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Brush 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Banton 7, Neighbour 7, Pike 7, Cross 6 (sub. Lampard 7), **★BROOKING 8**, Morgan 7.
Charlton: Johns 7, Hazell 6, Walker 6, Tydeman 7, Berry 6, Shaw 6, Churchouse 7, **★WALSH 8**, Hales 7, Ostergaard 6, Robinson 6.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Hazell (Charlton)

Division Three

HULL (0) 0
BURY (0) 1 (Johnson 52)
 Att: 6,158
Hull: Norman 7, **★NISBET 8**, Haigh 6, Croft 5, Bennyworth 6, McLaren 6 (sub. Moss), Roberts 6, G 5, Horswill 5, Edwards 7, Deacy 6, Norrie 5.
Bury: Forrest 6, Howard 6, Bradley 6, McIlwraith 7, Waddington 6, Lugg 7, Whitehead 5, Halford 6, **★JOHNSON 8**, Mullen 6, Madden 7.
Referee: P. Partridge (Bishop Auckland)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

HIBERNIAN (0) 0
PARTICK THISTLE (1) 1 (O'Hara 15)
 Att: 1,191
Hibs: Huggins 6, Brown 6, Duncan 6, **★PATERSON 7**, Brazil 5, Callachan 6, Murray 5, McNamara 5.

Torrance 5, Brown, S 5 (sub. Docherty 5), Cormack 5.
Partick: **★MCNAB 7**, Murray 6, Lapsley 5 (sub. Gibson 6), Boyle 6, Campbell 6, Anderson 6, Park 6, McDonald 5, O'Hara 6, Higgins 6, Jardine 6.
Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, May 6

Division One

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Shearer 89)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 24,458
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Crags 7, Bailey 7, Hedley 8, Rammage 7, McAndrew 7, Johnston 7, Proctor 8, **★HODGSON 9**, Shearer 8, Armstrong 8.
Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Cohen 7, Thompson 7, Kennedy 7, Hansen 6, Dalglish 6 (sub. Fairclough 7), Lee 6, Johnson 6, McDermott 6, **★SOUNESS 8**.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Morris 35, Fletcher 40)
 Att: 4,497
Rotherham: Brown 6, **★FORREST 8**, Taylor 7, Carr 7, Stancliffe 6, Green 7, Gooding 6, McEwan 8, B 6, Halom 7, Winn 6 (sub. Rhodes), Henson 6.
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Gardner 6, Pashley 6, Noble 6, McEwan, S 7, Ashurst 7, **★MORRIS 9**, MacDougall 7, Fletcher 8, Weston 7, Harrison 7.
Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
TRANMERE (0) 0
 Att: 2,057
Aldershot: Horn 6, Edwards, N 6, Wooller 6, **★BRILEY 7** (sub. Tomlin), Bennett 6, Youlden 6, Lucas 5, Brodie 6, Garwood 5, Dixon 6, Sandford, N 5.
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mungall 6, Mathias 6, **★BRAMHALL 7**, Edwards, E 6, Evans 6, O'Neil 6, Parry 5, Kelly 5, Beamish 5, Peplow 5.
Referee: R. Robinson (Woodbridge)
Match Rating: ★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
HEREFORD (2) 2 (Hunt 8, Gilchrist 32)
 Att: 1,378
Rochdale: Felgate 7, Hart 6, Cliff 6, Taylor 7, Bannon 6, Weir 5, Oliver 5, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 6, Seal 5, **★WANN 8**.
Hereford: Hughes 6, Price 6, Burrows 7, Spiring 6, **★LAYTON 8**, Harvey 7, Cunningham 6, Gilchrist 6, Binnie 6, Hunt 7, Bartley 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, May 7

SCOTTISH Premier Division

PARTICK THISTLE (1) 1 (Melrose 23)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Anderson, og 24)

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Att: 8,000
Partick: McNab 6, MacKinnon 6, Whittaker 7, Higgins 6, Campbell 7, Anderson 6, Park 6, **★MELROSE 8**, McAdam (sub. Jardine 6), O'Hara 6, McDonald 6.
Aberdeen: Clark 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, McMaster 6, **★MCLEISH 8**, Miller 7, Jarvie 6, Archibald 6, McGhee 6, Watson 6, Scanlon 7 (sub. Bell 6).
Referee: T. Kelloch (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★★

ST MIRREN (3) 4 (Somner 10, 41, 84, Bowen 32)
RANGERS (1) 1 (Miller 43)
Att: 11,250
St Mirren: Thomson 8, Young 7, Beckett 7 (sub. McAvity 6), Abercrombie 8, Fulton 8, Copland 8, Bowen 8, Stark 8, **★SOMNER 9**, Weir 8, Logan 8.
Rangers: McCloy 6, Dawson 4, Forsyth, A 5, MacDonald, A 5, Jackson 5, Stevens 4 (sub. Johnstone 6), McLean 5, Smith 6 (sub. McKay 5), Miller 4, Redford 4, **★WATSON 7**.
Referee: B. McGinley (Balfour)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division One

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Anderson 89)
EVERTON (0) 0
Att: 22,122
Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, **★ANDERSON 9**, Gray 6, McGovern 6, Lloyd 7, Burns 7, O'Neill 6, Bowles 6, Birtles 6 (sub. Bowyer 6), Mills 7, Robertson 8.
Everton: **★WOOD 8**, Gidman 6, Bailey 5, Wright 6, Lyons 7, Ross 6, Eastoe 7, Stanley 6, Sharp 7, Hartford 6, O'Keefe 5.
Referee: E. A. Gray (Gorleston)
Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, May 10

FA CUP FINAL

ARSENAL (0) 0
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Brooking 13)
Att: 100,000 (At Wembley)
Receipts: £700,000
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 7, Devine 6

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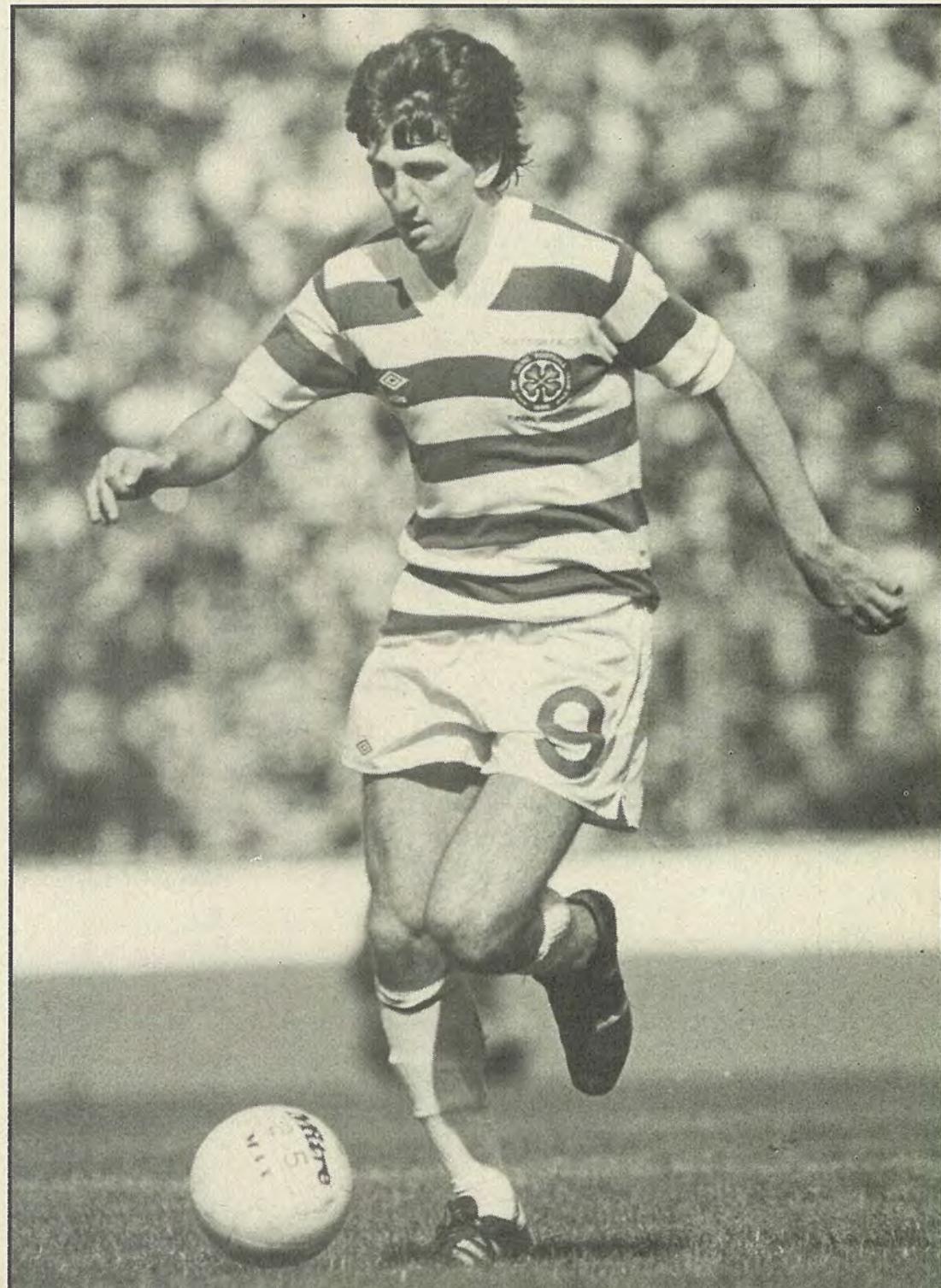
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(sub. Nelson 6), Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Young 7, **★BRADY 8**, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 6, Price 7, Rix 7.
West Ham: Parkes 8, Stewart 8, Lampard 8, Bonds 9, Martin 9, Devonshire 7, Allen 8, Pearson 8, Cross 6, **★BROOKING 10**, Pike 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★

Scottish FA Cup Final

CELTIC (0) 1 (McCluskey 108)
RANGERS (0) 0
After Extra Time
Att: 70,303 (At Hampden Park)
Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 7, **★McGRAIN 8**, Aitken 7, Conroy 7, McLeod 7, Provan 7, Doyle 7 (sub.

Lennox), McCluskey 7, Burns 6, McGarvey 6.
Rangers: **★McCLOY 8**, Jardine 7, Dawson 6, Forsyth 6 (sub. Miller), Jackson 7, Stevens 6, Cooper 7, Russell 6, Johnstone 6, Smith 6, MacDonald 6 (sub. McLean 6).
Referee: G. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★



George McCluskey — scorer of the winning goal in Saturday's Scottish FA Cup Final — pictured in action at Hampden Park.

Great to be home!

says Clive Woods, the Norwich flier

THERE'S no truth in the rumour that Clive Woods has been camping outside John Bond's office all season.

The former Ipswich star's love affair with Norwich City doesn't stretch to those lengths — but there was no hiding his joy when the on-off transfer across East Anglia went through.

"It was a great move for me and I was absolutely delighted," Woods told Match Weekly. "I've always lived in Norwich, they were my favourite other team when I was at Ipswich and with Bobby Robson deciding to release me it couldn't have worked out better."

So John Bond had no trouble "selling" his club to Woods, and Ipswich no qualms about unloading one of their '78 FA Cup winning heroes to the local rivals.

"Ipswich were going great at the time," Woods said. "Eric Gates has done really well this season and the young Millwall lad Kevin O'Callaghan was

brought in.

"So I wasn't surprised when Robson said I could go — although the decision was still left to me."

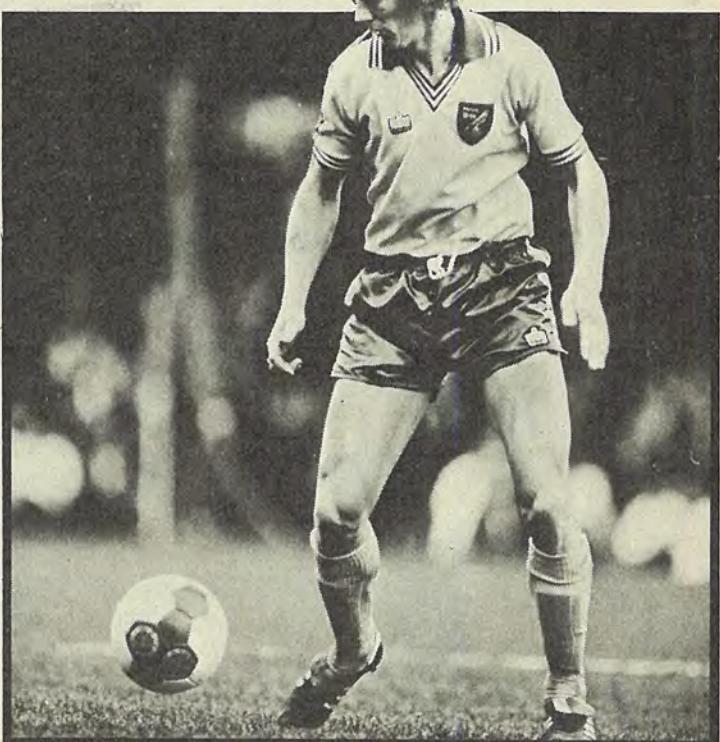
With the groin and ligament injuries that dogged his season at Portman Road now happily out of the way Woods is enjoying himself at Carrow Road — and relishing in a new role.

"I played all my football at Ipswich on the left side but John Bond has said he wants me to operate on the right.

"It's because Norwich have always played with a right-winger. But that's no problem — I'm naturally right-footed.

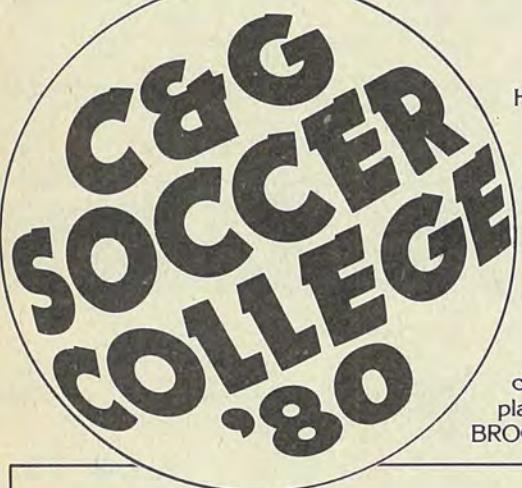
"Norwich have had a lot of injury problems in the second half of the season and we've lost our way a little, but there's no reason why we shouldn't do well enough next term to qualify for Europe."

TREVOR HAYLETT



Clive Woods — "No reason why Norwich shouldn't do well enough next term to qualify for Europe."

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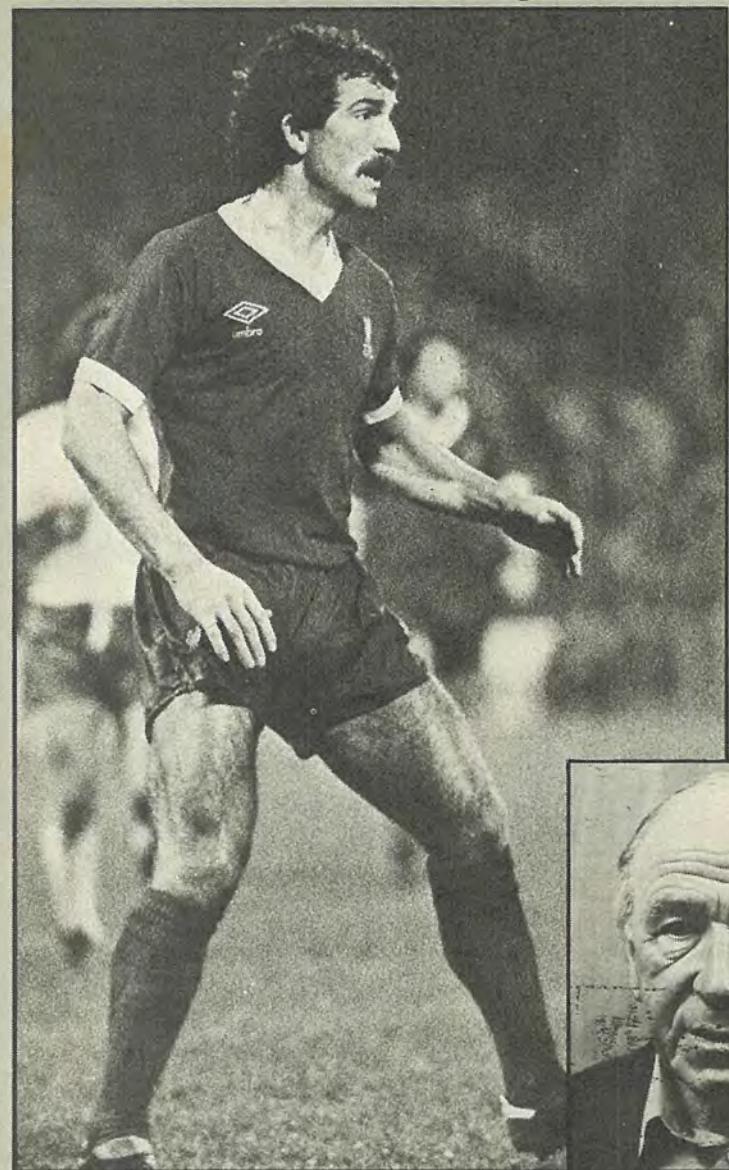
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Match Weekly Birthday Team of the Month



Graeme Souness — Liverpool's birthday boy.

MAY

OUR Birthday Team for May has some outstanding players in it and is notable, too, for some very interesting characters.

There's Sir Matt Busby, for instance. What a name to conjure with! He joined Manchester City from Denny Hibs way back in 1928 and here he is today, 70 years of age, serving the great love of his life, Manchester United, as a director and president, and another United favourite, George Best — whose future is now in doubt after being released by Hibernian.

Then there's Alan Ball. A great little player who has won honours with Everton, Arsenal and Southampton and has been across to America to win a Championship with Vancouver Whitecaps.

We mustn't forget Howard Kendall, who played in a Cup Final when he was only 17, and now, at 34, is player-manager of Blackburn.

Here's our May team, with day of birth after each representative's name, followed by clubs and honours:

DAVID McKELLAR (22) (Derby, ex-Ipswich, loaned to Colchester, Peterborough, Scottish Youth cap); HOWARD KENDALL (22) (Blackburn player-manager, ex-Preston, Everton, Birmingham, Stoke, England schools, Youth, Under-23); DON McALLISTER (26) (Tottenham, ex-Bolton); GRAEME SOUNESS (6) (Liverpool, Scotland, ex-Tottenham, Middlesbrough, Scottish schools, Youth cap); DAVID O'LEARY (2) (Arsenal, Eire, ex-Shelbourne, Eire schools, Youth cap); SIR MATT BUSBY (26) (Manchester United director, ex-Manchester City, Liverpool, ex-Manchester United manager); ALAN BALL (12) (Blackpool player-manager and Vancouver Whitecaps); ex-player Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal, Southampton, England); IAN WALLACE (23) (Coventry, Scotland, Dumbarton, Scottish Under-21); CLIVE ALLEN (20) (QPR, FA, England Youth, schoolboy); BRIAN KIDD (29) (Everton, ex-Manchester United, Arsenal, Manchester City, England Youth, Under-23, full cap); GEORGE BEST (22) (Hibs, ex-Manchester United, Stockport, Fulham, New York Cosmos, Aztecs, Fort Lauderdale, Cork Celtic, Northern Ireland).

LEFT: Sir Matt Busby — director and president of Manchester United — celebrates his birthday on May 26.



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NEXT WEEK



ONLY IN MATCH WEEKLY EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

The big names are in the Match Weekly camp . . . Our regular columnists give you the inside stories



KEVIN KEEGAN says why he thinks Hamburg can beat Brian Clough's Forest stars

BRIAN CLOUGH talks frankly about Keegan and reveals another Hamburg player who poses a major threat to Forest

PLUS

FRANK GRAY explains what a second chance to win the European Cup means to him



WINNERS of the Match Weekly Crossword competition (No. 34) were: Richard Cartwright, 11 Winsford Crescent, Hillcroft Park, Stafford; Mathew Randall, 6 Halcyon Approach, Wingerworth, Chesterfield; Andrew Seaman, 118 The Headlands, Northampton; Jeremy Coligan, 8 Bathurst Road, Norwich, Norfolk; Michael Blick, 64 Carleton Ave, Blackpool, Lancs. They each win a football.

Solution, across — 1. Cunningham, 5. Pat, 8. Albion, 9. Stapleton, 10. Ray Clemence, 12. Rout, 14. Devine, 16. Bury, 17. Evans, 18. Taylor, 21. Speedy, 22. Powell Down — 1. Chester, 2. Newport, 3. Ninety, 4. Alan Kennedy, 6. Tony Henry, 7. O'Brien, 11. Coventry, 13. UEFA Cup, 14. Dossier, 15. Currie, 19. Lion, 20. Hill.

WINNER of the radio cassette recorder in the Spot the Difference Competition (No. 10) was Roger Farrant, 9 Staddon Crescent, Plymstock, Plymouth.

Five other winners each receive a football: David Pooley, 22 Nelson Rd, Stanmore; Jonathan Davis, 26 Olive Grove, Burton Joyce, Nottingham; Paul Ives, 19 Fatlock Close, Clapham, Bedford; Trevor Smith, 10 Baddeslere Rd, Whitstable, Kent; Robert Harvey, 135 Norton Rd, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

The differences were: 1. Pattern on masseuse's dress; 2. Stripes on arm; 3. Third button on bed end; 4. Ball added under bed; 5. Player missing behind door; 6. Line missing on towel; 7. Handle added to box of bed; 8. 2,000 votes on light instead of 200; 9. Sign now reads 'canteen'; 10. Black centre on sun lamp.

Quiz answers: 1. San Jose Earthquakes; 2. Dundee; 3. Dario Gradi, of Wimbledon; 4. Brian Kidd; 5. Terry Venables; 6. Bury; 7. Blyth Spartans; 8. (a) Bobby Smith, (b) Bill Asprey, (c) Jim Clunie; 9. George Berry of Wolves; 10. Lyn Oslo; 11. Terry McDermott; 12. St. Mirren; 13. Paul Vaessen; 14. Alan Taylor; 15. Dunfermline Athletic.

Score Six solution: 1. Maine, 2. Cannon, 3. neck, 4. Macken, 5. Machin, 6. Hankin.

The winner of the April Calendar Caption Competition was David Bolger, of 20 Lancelot Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent. His caption to the picture was: "I know the boss said keep your eye on the ball Emlyn, but he meant the match ball not my eye ball!"

ENGLAND v SCOTLAND PREVIEW

Key players from both sides talk about the Hampden clash



ACTION PICTURES FROM THE BIG GAMES

England v Argentina
England v Wales

and Arsenal v Valencia in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final.



TREVOR FRANCIS, the scorer of the winning goal in last year's final, reflects on the heartbreak of missing the final through injury.

JOHN ROBERTSON, so often the Forest matchwinner, talks about the task facing him in the final; and

SOREN LERBY of Ajax, the top scorer in the competition, says why he wants Forest to win

match makers

JOE McBRIDE

EVERTON

FULL NAME: Joseph McBride

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Glasgow, August 8, 1960

MARRIED: No

CAR: White Volkswagen Polo

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

CLUB NICKNAME: Joe

WORST EVER INJURY: Fingers crossed, nothing serious yet

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — I used to watch him as a boy at Celtic, he was my hero and still is for his coolness in the box

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Celtic

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Nothing to choose between Pele and Cruyff — so talented

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton; McGrain, Watson, O'Leary, Sansom; Harvey, Gemmill, Ball; Dalglish, Law, Best

ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England); Vogts (W Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Watson (England), Breitner (W Germany), Overath, Bonhof, Beckenbauer (W Germany); Best (N Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland)

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford — but I've always wanted to play at Spurs

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM: Munich

BEST GOAL SCORED: Header on my League debut against Bolton last Boxing Day

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Alan Mullery's 1974 Goal of the Season for Fulham v Leicester — first time volley

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: David Langan (Derby)

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Ipswich 2-1 in the FA Cup quarter-final

OWN MAGIC MOMENT: Scoring all three Scottish goals in the European Youth Cup defeat of Finland in Helsinki

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Liverpool 2-1 in the last derby match at Goodison

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, table tennis

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to records

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoke filled places; people who are late

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: M.A.S.H. Not The Nine

O'Clock News

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Cross-roads

FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines

FAVOURITE MUSICIANS/SINGERS: Rod Stewart, Elton John, Genesis

FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish

FAVOURITE DRINK: Coke

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Annie Hall

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON MY CAREER: My father Joe senior, who played for Celtic in the Sixties and Colin Harvey the Everton coach

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Late tackles, losing

SUPERSTITIONS: Always put my left boot on first

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 13 Youth and three schoolboy caps for Scotland

PERSONAL AMBITION: Win League and Cup medals with Everton — be successful

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland in the World Cup final

PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: Paul Lodge and Stevie McMahon, two reserves at Everton

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Rod Stewart

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to as much advice as you can from experienced players

Joe McBride

